

TOWN OF FREETOWN
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
March 13, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of Freetown, NY was held on March 13, 2024, at the Town Hall. Supervisor Crystal Clough, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Crystal Clough, Town Supervisor
Ward Fox, Councilperson
Lisa Grinnell, Councilperson - Absent
Dylan Barber, Councilperson
Daniel Tillotson, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Serina Ingrahm, Town Clerk

Others Present: Eric Metzger, Chris Spanolini, Dean O’Gorman, Brian Turner (recycling Attendant), Shirlene Strough, Amanda Barber, Gail Heady, John Slocum, and Robin Slocum.

Monthly reports from the Town Clerk, Code Enforcement, Justice, and Highway Dept. were received and reviewed by the Town Board.

Motion 19: Made by Councilperson Barber and seconded by Councilperson Tillotson to accept the minutes for February 2024.

Votes: Councilpersons: Daniel Tillotson Aye
Lisa Grinnell: Absent
Ward Fox: Aye
Dylan Barber: Aye
Supervisor: Crystal Clough: Aye Passed

OPEN FLOOR:

Coordinator Chris Spanolini from the Cortland County Recycling Center on Pendleton Street in Cortland, NY. Mr. Spanolini explained what numbers need to be on the bottom of the plastic #1, #2, and #5. Absolutely no lids. Tin can be recycled but needs to be cleaned. Glass has to be cleaned and sent to landfill after it’s crushed. Car tires are \$4 each and large tires are up to \$100. Any household batteries AA/AAA/C/D/ 9volt can be tossed in the regular trash. All rechargeable batteries have to be recycled.

Dean O’Gorman is the Program Director of Healing Hearts Collaborative it’s a program that gives out Narcan for free and at no liability for the Town of Freetown which reverses an opioid overdose. Mr. O’Gorman would like to attach the waterproof box to the utility pole with zip ties for easy access to the residents of Freetown. The box will be checked by Town Clerk Serina Ingrahm daily and restocked.

Brian Turner was introduced to the Board Member as our new Recycling Attendant. Supervisor Clough

Supervisor Clough has contacted the locksmith to have our file cabinet keys replaced at \$13.25 for each key.

Supervisor Clough has passed along a picture/drawing of an advertisement sign to notify residents of town business.

Amanda Barber passed along some information on a County Strategic Plan effort. Marathon has a session coming up to participate in a public opinion on what the residents think the county should be working on over the next 5 years.

CCTVS (County, City, Village, Towns, and school) will no longer exist.

Gail Heady raised concerns about the Bookkeeper Jennifer Sherman changing our Bank Statement from mailings to online statements. Supervisor Clough will talk to Jennifer (Bookkeeper) about her job and how it's done.

The Salt Storage shed grant was approved for \$170,000. A very big thanks goes out to Amanda Barber for all her hard work.

Supervisor Clough would like the Cemetery trees to be trimmed, to help protect cemetery headstones. The Town Board doesn't feel that it needs to be done right now.

Supervisor Clough walked our Town Board Members to her office to show that her office needs to be painted and new tile for the ceiling or painted. Supervisor Clough has found the camera system does work and she'll find someone to install the other two cameras. One in the meeting room for court purposes. The playground needs to have a committee formed for installation.

Councilperson Barber has agreed to head the installation process. The person who took the gravel from behind the garage 3 months ago has agreed to pay \$40 instead of \$400 and the Supervisor has agreed to that cost. The lawyer said it wasn't worth the fight. The Town Lawyer Don Armstrong said to go ahead and cut any overhanging branches in the cemetery.

Motion 20: Made by Supervisor Clough and seconded by Councilperson Fox to accept a \$100 max on file cabinet keys.

Votes:

	Councilpersons: Daniel Tillotson Aye	
	Lisa Grinnell: Absent	
	Ward Fox: Aye	
	Dylan Barber: Aye	
Supervisor:	Crystal Clough: Aye	Passed

Motion 21: Made by Supervisor Clough and seconded by Councilperson Fox to approve paying bills from the following accounts. Vouchers 10-31.

- (A) General \$ 10,940.45
- (DA) Highway \$ 4,406.46

Votes:

	Councilpersons:	
	Dan Tillotson: Aye	
	Ward Fox: Aye	
	Dylan Barber: Aye	
	Lisa Grinnell: Absent	Passed
Supervisor:	Crystal Clough: Aye	

The meeting Adjourned at 9:36 pm