## TOWN OF FREETOWN 2369 McGraw Marathon Rd Marathon, NY 13803 June 12, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of Freetown, NY was held on June 12, 2024, at the Town Hall. Supervisor Crystal Clough, called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.

**Present:** Crystal Clough, Town Supervisor

Ward Fox, Councilperson William Contri, Councilperson

Dylan Barber, Councilperson - Absent

Daniel Tillotson, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Serina Ingrahm, Town Clerk

Others Present: Brian Turner (recycling Attendant), Amanda Barber, John Slocum, Patty Zering, KJ Alnutt, Joseph Welburn, Mitchel Eccleston, Gail Heady (Tax Collector), Dale Miracle, Karen Miracle, Shirlene Strough, Jim Weiss, Jeannine Burk.

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

**Motion 43:** Made by Supervisor Clough and seconded by Councilperson Fox to accept the May 2024 minutes.

**Votes:** Councilpersons: Daniel Tillotson Aye

Supervisor:

William Contri -Aye Ward Fox: Aye

Dylan Barber: - Absent Crystal Clough - Aye

## **Highway Report:**

The highway crew has been mowing roadsides and working on roads.

Resident Amanda Barber reminded the Superintendent of Highway to clean the mower between Roads to help stop the spread of Japanese knotweeds by cleaning the mower.

Resident John Slocum asked KJ Superintendent of Highway if he had prepared to stop ahead signs, they should be used during road work to help with the liability of the Town.

Superintendent Alnutt wants to sell the 2500 Ram pickup for \$24,300 and the 2014 Ford 350 for \$14,100. The highway needs a large metal storage cabinet.

## **Unfinished Business:**

Supervisor Clough is concerned that the cables that power our phone and internet are missing, the wire is unsecured on the building. The supervisor will contact Point Board Band to come to fix it.

The Town has a new Bookkeeper Michael Rosenthal. He and Supervisor Clough have been working on the New York Retirement, they still need more information on the employees.

Councilperson Tillotson reported reflective signs for house numbers could be purchased at Lowes, also if you are from Marathon or McGraw you could check with those Fire Dept. at a cost to the residents.

The grievance board had one resident, who came in to review their property taxes.

Guest Speaker Karen Miracle will be our new Historian, She also works for Solon as a historian.

**Sophie Clough** works for Cortland County as a historian and a new resident of Freetown.

**Tax Collector** Gail Heady turned in the final report to the County for Tax collection for year 2024.

**James Weiss Chairman of the Planning Board** is starting back up after a break during Covid.

Councilperson Fox asked about solar farming and the disposal of batteries more information is needed.

**Mitchel Eccleston** County Legislator brought in a map of the Freetown property to show The Board that Pine Hill Bridge should be half Marathon and half Freetown.

## **Building cleaning**

We have hired Jeannine Burk to start ASAP as a building cleaner.

**Motion 44:** Made by Supervisor Clough and seconded by Councilperson Contri to approve paying bills from the following accounts. Vouchers 81-107.

(A) General \$ 17,265.40

(DA) Highway \$ 77,368.85

Serina Ingrahm, The meeting Adjourned at 8:40 pm