

TOWN OF FREETOWN
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
September 11, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of Freetown, NY was held on September 11, 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
William Contri, Councilperson
Dylan Barber, Councilperson
Daniel Tillotson, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Serina Ingrahm, Town Clerk

Others Present: Brian Turner (recycling attendant), John Slocum, KJ Alnutt, Gail Heady (Tax Collector), Darrilyn DiNardo, and Mitchel Eccleston County Legislator.

Monthly reports from the Town Clerk, Justice, Bookkeepers, and Highway Dept. were received and reviewed by the Town Board, no code enforcement report or Historian report.

Motion 56: Made by Councilperson Barber and seconded by Councilperson Contri to accept the August 2024 minutes.

Votes: Councilpersons: Daniel Tillotson Aye
William Contri -Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Dylan Barber: - Aye
Supervisor: Crystal Clough – Aye

Open Floor/ Unfinished Business: Reminder Sept. 21st is amnesty day. Tree trimming for the Christmas tree is being held on Dec. 7th, 2024. The Supervisor needed more input on what to put on a memorial sign for Charlie Peck. Councilperson Barber suggested leaving off the date for Charlie Peck's plaque so that no mistakes would be made on the hire date.

Supervisor Clough found some damage on the backside of the roof of the Town Hall. She will contact Mr. Byler for an estimate. Councilperson Contri suggested checking with our groundskeeper as well.

The Town Supervisor passed along estimates to the board members on a cover for the new generator and park bench for review.

Tim Brown, a former employee presented an estimate for a new camera system.

Supervisor Clough received a quote on testing the water here at the Town Hall there is a \$75.00 fee. The board has already passed a Motion to have the water tested.

The Supervisor ordered Deluxe Checks, but no voucher or bill was received. The company claims they have already been paid through auto pay.

County Legislator Mitchel Eccleston shared information on the county's plan to distribute the sales tax to municipalities. Mr. Eccleston suggested Supervisor Clough call FSA (farm service Agency) and speak with Arron Heath or Jennifer Doty about removing trees in Freetown's Cemeteries.

BOOKKEEPER: Mike and Joel have been working on balancing the year 2023.

HIGHWAY:

The Town Supervisor wants the Highway Superintendent to change the answering machine to his voice and not the previous Highway Superintendent's. The Highway Superintendent reported the truck has a bid for \$13,600 if the board accepts. Councilperson Barber suggested waiting until they start the budget for 2025. The decision will be at a later date.

Councilperson Contri has some concerns about the types, sizes, and uses of our existing trucks. Councilperson Tillotson agreed that a few municipalities have already switched to smaller trucks. Big trucks seem to be doing more damage to the road.

Councilperson Fox has provided 3 new smoke detectors for the town hall. The Town Supervisor asked the Highway Superintendent to hang up the new smoke detectors on the ceiling in the Town Hall. The Highway Superintendent will dig a hole for the Christmas tree when his part comes in for the excavator.

Motion 57: Made by Councilperson Contri and seconded by Councilperson Fox to have the Town Hall's water tested to see if it's drinkable.

Votes:
Councilpersons: Daniel Tillotson Aye
William Contri -Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Dylan Barber: - No
Supervisor: Crystal Clough – Aye

Motion 58: Made by Supervisor Clough and seconded by Councilperson Fox to trim the tree on Dec. 7th, 2024.

Votes:
Councilpersons: Daniel Tillotson Aye
William Contri -Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Dylan Barber: - Aye
Supervisor: Crystal Clough – Aye

New Business: Elwood Bryan (Freetown Fred) passed away. Mr. Bryan held a few positions in Freetown. The Grievance Board, and also the chairman of the Variance Board. Town Supervisor Clough has already found Joann Lehman to sit on the grievance board. The position on the variance board remains vacant. County Acres is requesting \$50.00 more each month

Motion 59: Made by Councilperson Barber and seconded by Councilperson Fox to appoint Joann Lehman to the Grievance Committee.

Votes: Councilpersons: Daniel Tillotson Aye
William Contri -Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Dylan Barber: - Aye
Supervisor: Crystal Clough – Aye

Motion 60: Made by Councilperson Fox and seconded by Councilperson Barber to appoint John Slocum as a Variance Board of Appeals Committee member.

Votes: Councilpersons: Daniel Tillotson Aye
William Contri -Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Dylan Barber: - Aye

Motion 61: Made by Supervisor Clough and seconded by Councilperson Fox to approve paying bills from the following accounts. Vouchers 141-151.

(A) General \$ 1,712.65
(DA) Highway \$ 12,124.18

Serina Ingrahm,
The meeting Adjourned at 9:36 pm