

TOWN OF FREETOWN
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
January 14, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of Freetown, NY, was held on January 14th, 2026, at the Town Hall. Supervisor Dylan Barber called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Dylan Barber, Town Supervisor
William Contri, Councilperson
Julie Conklin, Councilperson
Daniel Tillotson, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Shelli Cross, Town Clerk

Others Present: Chuck Ingrahm, Heidi Alnutt, John Slocum, Serina Ingraham, Natashia DeLee, Jaymisen Conklin.

The town board received and reviewed monthly reports from the Bookkeeper and Highway Department.

OPEN FLOOR:

Introduction of new Town Clerk, Shelli Cross, Councilperson, Julie Conklin and Tax Collector, Natasha DeLee .

The new Code Enforcement officer appears to be working out well.
There is a vacancy on the Town Board.

The Highway garage door needs to be replaced. Supervisor Barber and the Council members are getting prices and will review everything in the February meeting.

There is a tentative end-of-year profit/Loss statement. The bookkeeper is still working through all the documentation.

Mr. Mejean's Driveway on Stramba Rd is a turnaround spot for the school bus. Mr. Mejean would appreciate it if the highway crew could keep the driveway in good shape for the bus and himself. The Town has resolved this issue.

Serina Ingrahm (previous Town Clerk) does not want her personal phone number shared.

Natasha DeLee states that some town members did not receive their tax bill, and there has been concern expressed about the tax rate increasing (it was noted that the Town of Freetown tax rates did not increase).

Gail Heady stated that the account she had with the bank, for Tax Collection, is no longer valid.

Old Business: Supervisor Barber is still in negotiations with the Union Rep for Highway Employees. The Town will continue looking into a lawyer who can meet all its needs.

The Recycling trailer needs to be replaced; the lights on the current trailer are not working, and it has no fenders. Supervisor Barber and the Council members will be getting prices and will review them in the February meeting. Also, discussed buying one already covered or building our own cover.

Resident Bob Ross came to see if the board was willing to turn over the dead-end part of Tarbell Rd back to the town's landowners. Landowners want to put up a gate to reduce unnecessary traffic. Supervisor Barber would like to investigate and research any possible legalities for doing this.

New Business:

The Highway garage door needs to be replaced. Waiting for an additional quote.

Amnesty Days will be May 16th and September 19th, at 10-2:00

Discussion about retaining Don Armstrong as Town attorney or looking into other available attorney's that can fill the town's needs.

***Tabled the discussion for now to do further review of pricing, etc.**

NOTE: December minutes were not approved. Awaiting amendment.

Motion 1: Made by William Contri and seconded by Councilperson Daniel Tillotson to approve purchasing a new recycling trailer, up to \$6,000.00.

Motion 2: Made by Daniel Tillotson and seconded by Councilperson William Contri to approve using the Cortland Standard as the Town's newspaper.

Motion 3: Made by Dan Tillotson and seconded by Julie Conklin to approve MAVAC Ambulance Service

Motion 4: Made by Bill Contri and seconded by Dan Tillotson to approve Marathon, Cincinnatus, and McGraw fire districts

Motion 5: Made by Dan Tillotson and seconded by Julie Conklin to approve continuing to use NBT Bank

Motion 6: Made by Julie Conklin and seconded by Dan Tillotson to approve continuing to use the IRS Mileage rate, of \$.72/ mile, for travel

Motion 7: Made by Julie Conklin and seconded by Dan Tillotson to approve continuing to use Blue Moose Sanitation for garbage disposal ****check for paying annually****

Motion 8: Made by Bill Contri and seconded by Dan Tillotson to approve Laura Padbury as Town of Freetown bookkeeper

Motion 9: Made by Dan Tillotson and seconded by Julie Conklin to approve Derek Raimbo as Code enforcement officer

Motion 10: Made by Dan Tillotson and seconded by Julie Conklin to approve continuing to use Country Acres for dog control

Motion 11: Made by Dan Tillotson and seconded by Julie Conklin to recognize Dylan Barber as the Town Supervisor

Motion 12: Made by Dan Tillotson and seconded by Julie Conklin to recognize Shelli Cross as the Town Clerk

Motion 13: Made by Dan Tillotson and seconded by Julie Conklin to recognize Natasha DeLee as the Tax Collector

Motion 14: Made by Dan Tillotson and seconded by Julie Conklin to recognize Shelli Cross as Record keeper/Vital Statistics (Registrar)

Motion 15: Made by Dan Tillotson and seconded by Julie Conklin to approve Heidi Alnutt being appointed as the fourth Councilperson. ***NOTE:** Bill Contri was opposed

Motion 16: Made by Supervisor Barber to approve paying bills from the following accounts. Vouchers starting #1 - 18 2026.

(A) General \$ 67,210.43

(DA) Highway \$ 4,275.14

Shelli Cross,
The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm