

Town of Freedom
Regular Board Meeting/Public Hearing
October 21, 2019

Board Members Present: Jolene Esposito, Ron Ashworth, John Hill
and Supervisor Randy Lester

Other Officials: Cattaraugus County Legislator Joe Bobberg, Planning Board Members
DeVere Bliss, Jim Shannon, Justice Gary Chamberlain, and Constable Rob Harrington

Others: 30

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Supervisor Randy Lester

I. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by Supervisor Randy Lester

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Review of minutes of the regular Board Meeting for September 16, 2019.

A motion was made by John Hill to accept the Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Ron Ashworth.

Roll Call: Ayes-4 Jolene Esposito, Ron Ashworth, John Hill and Supervisor Randy Lester

A motion was made by Jolene Esposito to close the Regular Board meeting at 7:02 PM.
Seconded By John Hill

Roll Call: Ayes-4 Jolene Esposito, Ron Ashworth, John Hill and Supervisor Randy Lester

III. PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Ron Ashworth to open the Public Hearing on Local Law 2 of
2019 at 7:02pm. Seconded by Jolene Esposito.

Roll Call: Ayes-4 Jolene Esposito, Ron Ashworth, John Hill and Supervisor Randy Lester

**A Local Law Granting A Partial Exemption On Real
Property Taxation To Certain Senior Citizens And
Amending Local Law 1-2016**

Councilmen John Hill asked Supervisor Randy Lester to explain to the public what the law is about. Randy explained that it gives Senior Citizens additional exemptions for unreimbursed medical exemptions, according to their amount of income. John said this is in conjunction with Cattaraugus County. A question from the public; what does this include? It says prescription, and medical expenses but medical expenses are pretty broad

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area. Randy said it says unreimbursed. The next question would Medicare be included in the cost. John stated in section 4(A): Offset for medical expenses: any income used in the determination of applicants' eligibility for the exemption hereby granted shall be offset by all medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid which were not reimbursed or paid for by insurance. The citizen said they like to know what is included in this. Legislator Joe Boberg said its relief for out of pocket expenses will not cover cost of insurance. Another citizen asked how much will this cost the Town? John said that the Town will no longer be taxing on ones property; example if the person pays \$1,000.00 and gets 100 off, the Town gets \$900.00. It is help for Senior Citizens. A question was is there a chat income limit? Also a question for drug that's a \$2,000.00 a month or more out of pocket, and for a year its \$24,000.00, is that \$24,000 a year deductible towards your tax bill? Town Clerk Mindy Holland told them it's a percentage off per income, the scale reads \$18,500 or less 50% off your assessed value exempt, if you make between \$18,501less than \$19,500.00 its 45% of your assessed value exempt. The amount goes up to \$26,000.00 of income and its all different percentage brackets. John asked what the biggest percentage you can get off your taxes? Mindy said 50% with an income of \$18,500. The citizen basically is asking if you make \$45,000.00 gross income but spends \$24,000.00 in medical and is living on what the income bracket covers would that be covered. Randy said that would be a good question for the Assessor. The next question that was asked is in adjusted or gross because law does not state if it's gross or adjusted. The residence stated it should be adjusted not gross income.

A motion was made by John Hill at 7:18pm to close the public hearing on Local Law 2 of 2019. Motion seconded by Jolene Esposito.

Roll call: Ayes-4 Jolene Esposito, Ron Ashworth, John Hill and Supervisor Randy Lester

A motion was made by John Hill to open the Regular Board Meeting at 7:19PM.
Seconded by Jolene Esposito.

Roll Call: Ayes-4 Jolene Esposito, Ron Ashworth, John Hill and Supervisor Randy Lester

IV.) RESOLUTION #11 - 2019

**AT A MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF FREEDOM AT THE TOWN HALL IN THE
HAMLET OF SANDUSKY, TOWN OF FREEDOM, CATTARAUGUS
COUNTY, STATE OF NEW YORK
ON THE 21st OF OCTOBER, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Randy C. Lester, Supervisor
Ronald H. Ashworth, Councilman
Jolene M. Esposito-Craft, Councilman
John S. Hill, Councilman

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IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING Local Law 2-2019, A Local Law Granting a partial Exemption on Real property Taxation to Certain Senior Citizens and Amending Local Law 1-2016.

WHEREAS, since 1984, the Town of Freedom has periodically adopted Local Laws exempting from taxation a portion of the assessed valuation of real property owned by Town residents age sixty-five (65) or older; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Town of Freedom adopted Local Law 1-2016, which updated the real property exemption requirements and qualifications for residents sixty-five (65) years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Freedom intends by this legislation to Amend Local Law 1-2016, t; and

WHEREAS, the offset to the income shall be verifiable medical and prescription drug expenses; and

THEREFORE,

Motion of _____, Seconded by _____,

IT IS RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town of Freedom shall adopt Local Law 2-2019 and amend Local Law 1-2016.

The foregoing RESOLUTION was duly put to roll call vote with the following results:

Randy C. Lester	voting	()
Ronald H. Ashworth	voting	()
Jolene M. Esposito-Craft	voting	()
John S. Hill	voting	()

The RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly _____
(adopted/defeated), by a vote of _____ on the 21st day of

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October, 2019.

Randy C. Lester, Supervisor
Term of Office Expires: 12/31/21

Mindy Holland, Town Clerk
Term of Office Expires: 12/31/2019

SEAL

A motion was made by John Hill to look at combining laws 2005 and 2016 so that we can have adjusted income verses gross income. Seconded by Jolene Esposito

Roll Call: Ayes-4 Jolene Esposito, Ron Ashworth, John Hill and Supervisor Randy Lester

RESOLUTION 11 FOR LOCAL LAW 2-2019 WAS TABLED.

V). RESOLUTION 12 of 2019

**AT A MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF FREEDOM HELD AT THE TOWN HALL,
CATTARAUGUS COUNTY, NEW YORK
ON THE 21st OF OCTOBER 2019, AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Randy C. Lester, Supervisor
Ronald H. Ashworth, Councilman
Jolene M. Esposito-Craft Councilwoman
John S. Hill, Councilman

**IN THE MATTER OF THE TOWN BOARD RESOLVING TO USE THE
HOST COMMUNITY PAYMENTS FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX
RELIEF**

WHEREAS, Under Town of Freedom signed a Host Community Agreement with Alle-Catt Wind Energy LL at its regular meeting on Monday July 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Town was initially projected to receive under the Host Community Agreement (\$12,335,213.00) over the 20 years of the project with an initial estimated payment of (\$429,400.00) in the first year of the Host Community Agreement based on the rate of \$3,800.00 per megwatt; and

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WHEREAS, because the Town was concerned about the increasing real property tax burden on its taxpayers, the Town negotiated the Host Community Agreement to include language that provides in the case AlleCatt negotiated a higher payment rate per megawatt with a neighboring town, then the Town of Freedom shall have increased host community payments based on the higher payment per megawatt that the neighboring community enjoys; and

WHEREAS, since Alle-Catt has agreed to a higher payment per megawatt of \$5,950.00 with the neighboring town of Farmersville, the Town of Freedom will obtain an even larger initial Host Community Payment in the amount of \$788,970.00 with a cumulative amount of \$19,707,615 over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Town should use these Host Community Payment monies:

- (a) prudently,
- (b) for the common good of the citizens of the Town of Freedom,
- (c) to preserve the public fisc, and
- (d) to provide real, tangible, and genuine taxpayer relief from the burden of real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the combined total annual payment to the Town is likely to equal a significant portion, if not all, of the future real property tax collected by the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Board to apply the monies received from the Host Community Agreement as revenue to pay the real property taxes issued by the Town every January, that is, the revenue received under the Host Community Agreement shall be used to fund the annual Town budget in place of, or to reduce, real property taxation; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED by the members of the Town Board as follows:

- 1.) The Town Board of the Town of Freedom, Cattaraugus County, State of New York that the Town Board resolve to dedicate the combined annual total payments from the Hot Community Agreement to either the vast reduction or elimination of the Town of Freedom's real property tax, once payments begin upon the commercial operation of the project; and
- 2.) A significant reduction or elimination of the Town's Property tax is in the best interest of the Community; and
- 3.) This resolution shall be effective immediately

NOW upon the motion of _____, council____, seconded by _____, council____, it is **RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that the Town of Freedom adopt this **RESOLUTION**.

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The foregoing RESOLUTION was duly put to roll call vote with the following results:

Randy C. Lester	voting	()
Ronald H. Ashworth	voting	()
Jolene M. Esposito-Craft	voting	()
John S. Hill	voting	()

The RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly _____
(Adopted/TIED) on the 21st day of October, 2019.

Dated: October 21, 2019.

Randy C. Lester Supervisor
Term of Office Expires 12/31/21

Mindy Holland, Town Clerk
Term of Office Expires 12/31/1

SEAL:

After Supervisor Randy Lester read the resolution Stephanie milks asked if anyone did the escalation payment with the difference between the 2% in Freedom Host Agreement and the 1% in Farmersville. Randy said he did and the 2% is less because we are started with a much higher number. Marsha North said it says in the Host Community Agreement that the initial host payments are calculated by name plate capacity, multiplied by the now higher rate at 5,950. Is the name plate capacity on how much the wind turbine being used and is a guarantee. Scott Johnson from Invenergy stated name plate capacity is the manufactures for every turbines being installed in Town. He said, is it guaranteed, no! It's based on the number of turbines that are installed in the Town of Freedom and the mega watts of each of them turbines. The amount of 5,950 is the rate the number of turbines, times the number of mega watts, name plate on all those that is your math equation. Marsha North asked this is not absolute set amount. Scott Johnson said it could be greater it could be less. Marsha North said so now you are saying it could be greater and she thought before it would not be any more than what was printed on the Host payment. She said before it could be up to this amount but it couldn't be any greater, that would be the Host payment. Scott Johnson told her there could be potential for more; yes. Marsha North asked will that be in writing. Randy Lester it's what the name plate says. Marsha North wants a guarantee. Planning Board Member Jim Shannon asked Scott Johnson is it based on number of windmills, or say if someone adds a

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windmill. Scott Johnson said is based on number of turbines installed in the town, and the mega watt capacity of each turbine that is installed. So not knowing what turbines will be installed at each site, he can't say there is a guarantee number. Jim Shannon asked so if there are more turbines will there be more money and if there is fewer turbines will there be less money. Scott Johnson stated there is a mathematical equation, for that. Question was asked why are they guessing shouldn't there be a contract stating that. Scott Johnson stated a contract for mega watt. Stephanie Milks asked why can't the Town start off at a lump sum. Scott Johnson replied we can do a guarantee, but the Host Community been agreed to. John Brown asked if everything is based on the mega watt plate on the turbines. Councilman John Hill said yes. John Brown then asked is there anything that says each turbine will be 100 mega watt, or 380, 240, or 175 because if they put a 175 instead of the 360 you are getting less than the mega watts rating and your money just dropped by 50%. Is there anything that says all of these are going to be 300 mega watt or 360 mega watt, if they come in and go 640ft with 200 mega watts you just lost a third of your income. John Hill said there's nothing that says what site will have what mega watt. John Hill asked Scott Johnson if they are planning to have certain mega watts at sites, also it is not 3.2 mega watts. Scott said 3.6-4.8 mix of turbines. John Hill said in the Town of Eagle area about; Scott Johnson replayed that they are 1.2-1.4 in their mix. John Hill said they are a lot smaller wind turbines. John Hill question is the funding they get from the State and Federal Government is based on mega watts it's not based on numbers of turbines. John Hill also stated if you look at the greed of any company they would want to get the biggest thing in possible. John Brown stated cost efficiency in the beginning. John Brown also is stating if there is not 3.6 or its not watt to a size the number goes down. John Hill agrees to what John Brown is saying but he has to argue that the tax credits that the State and Federal Government are giving Invenergy so they would put in the biggest wind turbine possible. Jim Shannon said to John Hill that the resolution is that we the tax payers get the benefits no matter how many windmills. Jim Shannon wants every tax payer in the Town of Freedom taxes to go down. He said that the resolution is harmless and if the windmills go through he benefits, if they do not go through John Hill benefits, and basically no one will benefit. Jim's point is his community benefits. Stephanie Milks said if they use the 4.8 that Invenergy is going for that brings the project to 556.8 mega watt project, when you multiply that by 116 turbine, she stated the project introduced to the site Board was for about 340 wind turbine. This would mean you would have to reduce the number of turbines in the project area. Scott Johnson said it is capped at 340, based on the entire turbines sited and the name plate capacity, do the mathematical from there to what is getting paid to the Town of Freedom. Stephanie Milks said so they can't go higher because we are capped off. Scott said there are a lot of different variables out there that have not been resolved. Stephanie Milks stated that the math should be done before they do the vote on this resolution. John Hill has his own proposal, he said that the large property owners getting turbines are double dipping if the money goes for tax relief. John Hill would like to see any one over the age of 18 that is a full time resident in the Town of Freedom get a set amount of money. Beverly McVay asked is there anything to say that in 10 years the Town Board that is in at the time can change the way this is done and the benefits could be taken away. Should

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it be considered to be written that whatever is agreed on is not changed in the future? Randy Lester stated that it's not possible to do that; the Town Board in 10years can change that in the future.

A motion was made by John Hill to reject this resolution. Seconded by Jolene Esposito.

Roll Call: Ayes-3 Jolene Esposito, Ron Ashworth, and John Hill
No-1 Supervisor Randy Lester

VI. TOWN OF FREEDOM

RESOLUTION # 13-2019
2019

October 21,

A Resolution Establishing Funds

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, as amended, this Town Board does hereby establish a Archives Grant Fund account funded by the State of New York, The State Education Department, which initial proceeds were received in the amount of \$21,976.00, and will be deposited 11-22-19, to be used for, but not limited to, record management and data storage as authorized in the Funding Grant.

No expenditure shall be made from this fund except upon authorization of this board pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law.

Motion by: John Hill, Seconded by Ron Ashworth

Roll call:

Esposito-Craft: Aye

Ashworth: Aye

Hill: Aye

Lester: Aye

Clerk: *M. J. M. Hill* Date: 10/21/2019

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VII. OLD BUSINESS

A) **Reminder:** Work Session on 2020 Town Budget, Monday, November 4th, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
Reminder: November Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearings on 2020 Fire contracts and 2020 Town Budget will be Monday, November 18th, 2019 @7:00 pm

B) Halloween Trick or Treat Times will be 5:30pm to 8pm on October 31st 2019. Councilmen John Hill asked if the Constable would have hours. Supervisor Randy Lester stated he was not sure if we needed one. John and Councilwomen Jolene would like a constable from 5:30pm -8:30pm. If he sees kids after 8pm tell them it's time to be done.

C). **Park Rules Update:** They were submitted to the Town Board at the September Board Meeting for review.

A Motion was made by John Hill to accept the park rules update as submitted. Seconded by Ron Ashworth.

Roll Call: Ayes-4 Jolene Esposito, Ron Ashworth, John Hill,
and Supervisor Randy Lester

1. The Town Board would like a sign with the rules to be put up at the Park. Councilmen John Hill told Town Clerk Mindy Holland to talk to Highway Superintendent Jim Haggerty about getting it made through the sign shop at the county.

D) **Archive Grant Update:** Town Clerk Mindy Holland told the Town Board that the Grant is being amended because the Grant writer assumed that we had a server in the building and was networked in the building. So we have to now figure in a server because with this type of scanning the information has to be on some type of server. The Grant writer Ann McDonnell Miller is working with Sarah Durling who is from the State Archives Record Management and they are working to get this figured.

E.) **Quote for the two garage doors for the Highway:** Would the Town Board like two or one door replaced. The company took off \$200.00 for two doors.

A motion made by Ron Ashworth to replace two of the Highway Garage Doors. Seconded by Jolene Esposito.

Roll Call: Ayes-4 Jolene Esposito, Ron Ashworth, John Hill,
and Supervisor Randy Lester

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F.) Trash Days Highway Superintendent Jim Haggerty said the fall clean up day went good. Does the Board want to have Two days in the spring and one in the fall or one day in the spring and one in the fall? Also Jim would like to move the fall one to the last weekend of September. Barney Aronson said that Highway Superintendent Jim Haggerty and his Highway Crew did a great job and he liked seeing one in the fall.

A motion was made by Ron Ashworth to have one in the Spring and one in the fall just on Saturday only from 7am to 7pm. Seconded by John Hill.

Roll Call: Ayes-4 Jolene Esposito, Ron Ashworth, John Hill,
and Supervisor Randy Lester

VIII). NEW BUSINESS

A) Book Keeper Jessica Dart computer needs a new computer before January 1st, Board Members have a copy of the Quote in the amount of \$1,349.00

A motion was made by Ron Ashworth to except the quote for Bookkeeper Jessica Dart in the amount of \$1,349.00. Seconded by Jolene Esposito.

Roll Call: Ayes-3 Jolene Esposito, Ron Ashworth,
and Supervisor Randy Lester
Abstain -1 John Hill

B.) Supervisor Randy Lester read a letter from Sally McKerrow asking the Town to help with the removal of a Tree at the Freedom Cemetery. Question was asked if the Town would do all the cemeteries in the Town? Randy answered that three cemeteries have signed contracts with Forest Lawn. Someone said it could take up to a year. Randy said yes, he said the issue that is faced is if they don't go with Forest Lawn they can come in here at a Board Meeting and tell the Board to take it over the cemeteries. The Town would have to take over by State law. Also the Town would have to do it forever. Randy said he feels they should help out by a case by case basis. Councilmen John Hill also added because of the State law if the Highway Department can do it then they can, but certain trees are beyond what the Town can do. Randy said the alternative is to give them money to do it because there is a cemetery fund. Councilwomen Jolene Esposito asked if anyone has seen the tree. Randy said yes but this tree would have to be done by a service, because there is too many headstones around it. Councilmen Ron Ashworth will take a ride with Highway Superintend Jim Haggerty and go look at it along with the Sandusky Cemetery, Randy said this will be tabled till next month's board meeting.

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IX.) Supervisor Randy Lester told the Board and the Citizens about an article he had available regarding birds at risk.

Randy also talked about some information presented at a Board Meeting about Planning Board Member DeVere Bliss's farm involving a lawsuit. Randy had reviewed the information. This information was in regarded to a lawsuit against the Village of Arcade and Randy said that Harford Insurance Company settled by paying a large amount. Randy said he feels that Mr. Bliss deserves an apology.

Randy read a written statement (attached) about alleged corruption in Freedom.

X). Public Comments

Bonnie Hill spoke and directed this to Supervisor Randy Lester. She stated he still does not treat people fairly or equally at Board Meetings. She said when someone speaks up he shakes the judges gavel, and usually at her. He's been wrong a number of times. Last month she recalled during a meeting when an individual said something and Randy ripped her head off. A question was asked at the last meeting about wind turbines and Bonnie said neither Randy nor Scott Johnson from Invenergy could answer. Councilmen John Hill answered that question. Most question directed to Randy, he answers with he does not know. Bonnie wanted to say publicly that elections signs have been taken down and she stated it's a crime to do so. At public discussion last month Bonnie said Randy told the public what they can and cannot talk about. She does not care if it's been previously discussed it's their privilege to discuss it as many times as they like.

Denise Willard asked Councilmen Ron Ashworth if he's a Republican chair why he has a sign for a Democratic nominee in his lawn. Ron Ashworth told her he did not put it there; but he also gave permission for an individual to put it there. There is also others signs to Ron said. Denise asked Dustin Bliss how he will lower taxes and make better roads.

Geoff Milks with the new proposed law for the Senior Citizens for the tax break that's been tabled; if gross or net income is decided are there provisions for possible cost of living increase. Councilmen John Hill said that our tax rate can't go up more than 2% so he feels it should be tied to the tax rate. Whatever the tax rate goes up that year. Someone stated you can't raise it till the County raises it, then it comes to the Town. Geoff also asked if there were any plans to finish the fencing at the playground? Supervisor Randy Lester said if Superintendent Jim Haggerty was present he could ask him.

Marsha North told the Town Board the 20 year wind farm revenues is just a piece of paper, there no guarantee of anything, there's still a lot of variables such as turbines, and name plates. Also regarding climate change with this project we will loss 1,500 acres of interior forest. She stated our trees and vegetation is an important factor of preventive climate change. A question at a previous meeting about if the Town taxes will be paid and when Supervisor Randy Lester was asked he said no. As for herself on her town taxes she will be only saving \$56.00 a month, for the large property owner who going to benefit much more and she would like to see equal distribution. Also she reminded the Board that there has been request for property guarantee agreement that's been refused.

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There are people living in this project that can be greatly at risk by this project and there is no protection.

Stephanie Milks told everyone that the Cattaraugus County Supreme Court issued its decision on the lawsuit that was brought against the Town of Freedom for violation of law regarding the Town adoption of the new wind energy facility law. She said the Town of Freedom acted illegally according to the Court. Freedom United brought the suit successfully alleging that the Freedom Town Board wrongfully disregarded the Cattaraugus County Planning Board which asked the Town to rescind the wind law in order to address whether any new wind law is consistent with the County comprehensive plan. As the Court concludes the Town was unable to provide any research or any results of its deliberation on many issues raised by a decision to industrialize the Town. The County recognized, rescinded an early approval and directed the Town to rein its law and start to review this right away. The Town proved the County with no more than the proposed local law absolutely nothing else. There was no environmental assessment forms provided, no studies, and no data. They just disregarded the law. The general municipal law, all the requirements that go into writing the wind law. The decision by Judge Chance Parker acting as Cattaraugus County Supreme Court Judge said the Town of Freedom must now start the process of considering a local law all over. Until they do the new local law is nullified and void. The Town of Freedom 2007 wind law remains in effect. Reverting back to the 450ft high turbines and 1.2 setbacks.

XI). REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS:

- A) Assessors –Report Submitted
Councilmen Ron Ashworth would like a letter wrote and send out to Kay Reynolds for all her time here at the town. Town Clerk Mindy Holland will get it typed up and have board members sign at next meeting.
- B) Building Committee –
- C) Building Inspector – Report submitted
- D) Highway Superintendent – Report Submitted
- E) Clerk/Collector – Report submitted
- F) Constable –
- G) DCO – Report Submitted
- H) Highway Committee –
- I) Insurance Committee- Justices –
- J) Justice- No Court on Election Day November 5th
- K) Parks & Recreation –
- L) Planning Board – Report Submitted
- M) Supervisor –. Report Submitted
- N) Other Town Officials –

A motion to accept the reports & communications as submitted was made by John Hill. Seconded by Jolene Esposito.

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and Supervisor Randy Lester

XII). APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Correction to General Voucher 50 of 2019.

A motion was made by Ron Ashworth to change the appropriation fund from A1410.4 to A1430.4 as previously budgeted in the 2019 budget. Seconded by Jolene Esposito

*Roll Call: Ayes -3 Jolene Esposito, Ron Ashworth,
and Supervisor Randy Lester
Absatin-1 John Hill*

General #244 to #279, Amt. \$20,813.78, Yrly Amt. \$180,795.83.

Motion made by Jolene Esposito to accept the General vouchers as submitted.
Seconded by Ron Ashworth.

Roll call: Ayes-3 Jolene Esposito, Ron Ashworth,
and Supervisor Randy Lester
Abstain- 1 John Hill

Highway #135 to #153, Amt. \$47,560.14, Yrly Amt. \$466,565.30.

Motion made by Ron Ashworth to accept the Highway vouchers as submitted.
Seconded by Jolene Esposito.

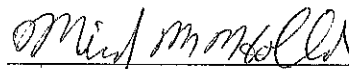
Roll call: Ayes-4 Jolene Esposito, Ron Ashworth, John Hill,
and Supervisor Randy Lester.

XIII). ADJOURNMENT:

John Hill made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm. Seconded by Jolene Esposito.

Roll call: Ayes-4 Jolene Esposito, Ron Ashworth, John Hill,
and Supervisor Randy Lester

Respectfully Submitted By:



Freedom Town Clerk

11/2/2019

I would like to address claims of alleged corruption in Freedom

9/17/2018 John Hill requests my resignation. I declined and he admitted he knew I would.

Why did he do this?

09/17/2018 I thank the man who text me with this picture. Not only did it go to 2 newspapers, also was circulated online, and reported to the Comptrollers and Attorney Generals Office including the photo.

Fake News and a Lie.

03/24/2019 Received email from a Farmersville individual stating Freedom is cuckolded by Invenergy. Total lie, but an attorney tells them to send statement to the newspaper.

Fake News

05/19/2019 National Wind Watchers statement made that Randy abandoned Freedom for 39 years, indicating he then reappears when Invenergy blows into town.

Fake news

How was I elected by a landslide??

There was a verbal attack on Sue at a recent board meeting concerning our recent Freedom house sale. Then Lies spread and more Fake News.

FYI ~ The construction on our barn is the future home of the Freedom Museum.

Contrary to Fake News circulated neither Sue nor I have, or will we ever receive any money from Invenergy.

There is an ongoing attempt to damage our reputations. I do suggest that you google Libel and Slander and check your Insurance for coverage. It either stops or you may face a lawsuit.

I Thank the good people of Freedom for their support.