

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023
6:00 p.m.
FREEDOM TOWN HALL
W2004 COUNTY RD S

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE
Meeting called to order by Chairperson Schumacher at 6 p.m. Members present: Chairman Justin Schumacher, Supervisor Kevin Schuh, Supervisor Linda Borneman, Supervisor Margo Fox, & Supervisor Chris Valley. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Andersen & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Dana McHugh, Administrator Justin Carlson & Interim Administrator Diane Wessel. Chairperson Justin Schumacher led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. VERIFICATION OF POSTING/ADOPT AGENDA
Posted on the 2 Boards at the Freedom Town Hall and on the Town website on the 25th of September 2023 at 3:00 p.m. by the Clerk's Office. Motion made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Margo Fox to approve the agenda.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carries: Yes
3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ON 8/24/2023 and SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING ON 9/7/2023
Motion made by Supervisor Borneman with a second by Supervisor Valley to approve the minutes of 08/24/2023 Town Board Meeting.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
4. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION (maximum 15 minutes total)
5. DISCUSSION ON DRAFT OF THE 2024-2028 TOWN OF FREEDOM CIP WITH ADAM RUECHEL AT BAIRD
6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2023 BUDGET WITH ADAM RUECHEL AT BAIRD
7. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-07 – REVISED CREATION OF TAX INCREMENTAL FINANCE DISTRICT NO. 3
Motion made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Schuh to approve the amended project plan resolution 2023-07 for creation of tax incremental finance district 3.
Vote: 4 Yea / 1 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUTURE TIRE DAYS FOR UPCOMING BUDGET 2024
Motion made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Valley to deferring to October meeting.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OUTAGAMIE COUNTY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 2024
Chairman Schumacher abstained. Motion made by Supervisor Valley with a second by Supervisor Fox to deferring to October meeting.
Vote: 4 Yea / 0 Nay / 1 Abstain Motion Carried: Yes
10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO INCREASE RATE FOR TOWN RENTAL AGREEMENTS FOR 2024
Motion made by Supervisor Valley with a second by Chairman Schumacher for a fee increase to the rental facilities from \$75 to \$125 for residents and \$175 to non-residents effective immediately.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHRISTMAS PARADE AND COMMITTEE FOR 2023
12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADJUST LOT LINE ADJACENT TO FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR NEW SHELTER
13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CREATE STAKEHOLDER/STEERING COMMITTEE, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-08
Motion made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Borneman to adopt Resolution 2023-08 to develop a Steering Committee for driving the development of VFW Park Diamond Project.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
14. DEPARTMENT REPORTS –
 - a. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT
 - b. FIRST RESPONDER REPORT
 - c. PARK COMMITTEE REPORT

- d. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT
 - e. ATTORNEY REPORT
 - f. PLANNER REPORT
 - g. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF OPERATOR LICENSE – POQUETTE
Motion made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Fox to approve the Operator License for Poquette.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
16. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – Tryba’s Tractor Pull (October 14, 2023)
Motion made by Supervisor Borneman with a second by Supervisor Schuh to approve the Special Event Permit.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
17. CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS/DIRECT DEPOSITS
Motion made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Borneman to approve the Vouchers and Direct Deposits.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION PER WI STATS 19.85 (1) (e) DELIBERATING OR NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASING OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES, THE INVESTING OF PUBLIC FUNDS, OR CONDUCTING OTHER SPECIFIED PUBLIC BUSINESS, WHENEVER COMPETITIVE OR BARGAINING REASONS REQUIRE A CLOSED SESSION. (General Legal Counsel Firms).
Motion made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Borneman to moved to closed session at 8:28 pm
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
18. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION PER WI STATS 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Public Works Labor Position)
19. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
Motion made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Valley to return to open session at 9:13 pm
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
20. ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE CLOSED SESSION
Motion made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Valley to appoint Wolf river Lawyers as the Town of Freedom contracted legal counsel.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
21. IDENTIFY FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – ***Review Town Employee Raises for 2024 Budget, ATV Ordinance Update, VFW Hall Wifi, Mobile Towers Special Exception, Tire Day, Outagamie County Contract, Baird Update***
22. ADJOURN
Motion made by Supervisor Valley with a second by Supervisor Borneman to adjourn at 9:15 pm
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

Dana McHugh, Deputy Clerk