

APPROVED 2/26/2020
TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020
7:00 P.M.
FREEDOM TOWN HALL
W2004 COUNTY RD S

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE

Town Board Meeting called to order by Chairman Charles Kramer at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Chairman Charles Kramer, Supervisors: Brandon Conrad, Dave Rickert, Kevin Schuh and Jason Vandenberg. Also present: Atty. Steven Frassetto, Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Laha and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Michelle Evers. Silent prayer time and pledge recited.

2. VERIFICATION OF POSTING AND ADOPT AGENDA

Meeting Posted by Clerk's office the 17th day of January, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. on 2 boards at the Town Hall, and on Town Website.

Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Dave Rickert to approve the agenda as posted, removing #5. 5 Yes 0 No MC

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES 12/18/2019 AND 1/8/2020 MEETINGS

Motion by Supv. Jason Vandenberg with second by Supv. Dave Rickert to approve the minutes of the 12/18/19 and 1/08/2020, correct 12/18/19 #17 from coordinated to heard. 5 Yes 0 No MC

4. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Larry Oudenhoven read a letter regarding the Building Committee meeting from the night before. In the letter, it was brought to the Town Board's attention that a comment was made that nobody would be seeing the back of the new Fire/EMS Building. He mentioned how residents/people use the trails and all sides of building should look presentable. He also mentioned the last Town Board said they would work with them to make sure there was a berm with trees along the Town's property. Supv. Jason Vandenberg agreed that all back of building needs to be presentable as all will see all sides.

5. UPDATE ON FREEDOM LION'S PARK SIGN – None

6. UPDATE ON FIRE DEPT/EMS FROM KELLER

Devin Flanagan, from Keller, gave an update. Attorney Steve Frassetto discussed the contract. Discussion was held on whether the contractor needed to be publicly bid and Attorney Frassetto said it did not need to be. The contract from Keller was reviewed.

Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Jason Vandenberg to approve the Keller contract. 4 Yes 1 No (Kramer) MC

7. DISCUSSION OF BUILDING COMMITTEE

Discussion was held to keep the Building Committee as is.

8. CONSIDERATION OF OPERATOR'S LICENSE REQUESTS

Motion by Supv. Jason Vandenberg with second by Supv. Dave Rickert to approve Operator's License for Anna Nantais, Olivia Harn, Kevin Sturm and Ashley Sturm. 5 Yes 0 No MC

9. DISCUSSION OF THE BRUSH DROP OFF

Supv. Brandon Conrad will check on items for the Brush Drop Off: gates, cards, stickers and help determine what to do for the future of the Brush Drop Off.

10. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR WAXING FLOORS AT TOWN HALL AND VFW HALL

Quotes were reviewed. Discussion was held that the floors look to be in good condition and to keep the Town Hall and VFW Hall floors as is.

11. DISCUSSION OF DISPOSAL OF THE FREEDOM POLICE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY

Outagamie County Sheriff's Department is interested to buy to the Ford Explorer from the Town of Freedom. The other two police cars will be put on GovDeals.

Motion by Supv. Jason Vandenberg with second by Supv. Dave Rickert to approve the sale of the Ford Explorer to the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department for \$25,000. 5 Yes 0 No MC

Also, there is a truck behind the Town Garage will be getting towed out. Lieutenant Ryan Carpenter will be working on this.

12. CONSIDERATION OF LIGHTING FOR TEAR DROP LANE

No action taken. Information was sent over to Cedar Corporation to check into.

13. FREEDOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A. SECURITY SYSTEM

Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Dave Rickert to approve the Security System for \$1,166.97. 5 Yes 0 No MC

B. RICKERT PARK - PARKING LOT LIGHTING

Colleen is checking with WE Energies for cost to put up an extra light for their parking lot.

14. PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. ITEM

A. UPDATE ON FRENCH ROAD TO CTH C, DREDGING PERMITTING & PLAN PREPARATION (CEDAR CORP)

Dean Zanon, from Cedar Corp, gave an update on the French Road to County Road C. Letters were sent out to Property Owners that will be impacted by this property. There are 13 property owners adjacent. Senator Robert Cowles and Senator Jim Steinke cosigned the letter with Bill Kohr for the grant/project showing their support. A letter was also sent to the Grant Specialist at the DNR. The process of the grant is a six to eight-month review.

Steve Frassetto also gave an update and suggested the Town Board contact the Drainage Board to see if they can get this area placed into the Drainage Section.

15. UPDATE ON BASEBALL DIAMOND GRANDSTAND/LIGHTING

Attorney Steve Frassetto met with Adam Fox and a few members of Freedom Baseball Club to finalize the paperwork. They have \$103,000 in pledges. Capital Credit Union would be interested in a marketing contribution in return for a sign.

16. UPDATE ON TID #2 COVENANTS

Attorney Steve Frassetto explained the covenants.

Motion by Supv. Jason Vandenberg with second by Supv. Brandon Conrad to sign a contract with Keller-Williams Stark Team. 5 Yes 0 No MC

17. DISCUSSION WITH BAIRD

Brad, from Baird, gave a presentation on the EMS/Fire Department Building Financing Plan for 20 years. Anticipation note for short term will be ready for late March/early April. A long-term financing can start in June/July and will not change, it will be fixed.

Financing rates from a local bank, Capital Credit Union, were also presented. East Wisconsin declined to give rates. Supv. Jason Vandenberg mentioned the Town needs to find someone to help with the Finance/Consultant. Brad from Baird will be able to assist with this.

Motion by Supv. Jason Vandenberg and second by Supv. Brandon Conrad to process with Baird for with the note and anticipation note. 5 Yes 0 No MC

18. ENGINEER REPORT

Report was reviewed. Brandon questioned when Bell Ct/Elk Lane going to be done. Dean asked about Teardrop Lane schedule.

19. ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Steve Frassetto is working to take care of the lighting issues by the Coenen residence. Spring View to be put on Plan Commission agenda.

20. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk

Dave Rickert, Michelle Evers and Colleen Laha attended the Towns Association meeting on Jan. 20 at Ellington. Primary election is coming up on February 18. Tax Season collection underway along with dog licenses. Freedom Business Association looking for a Town Board representative. Dave Rickert will attend the meetings.

Charlie Kramer questioned Attorney Steve Frassetto on the Lochbur Cemetery with trees that have fallen. A resident is interested in removing some of the wood/fallen trees. It was suggested to have the resident sign a waiver. Also, need to contact Evans Title to see if they have any information or contact some family members of the deceased.

Public Works

Lots happenings with snowplowing
Repairing and fixing benches for the parks and working on general maintenance of the equipment

21. CONSIDERATION OF COMPENSATION FOR TOWN CLERK

Attorney Steve Frassetto was looking into the Town Clerk compensation.

22. CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS

Motion by Supv. Kevin Schuh with second by Supv. Dave Rickert to approve Direct Deposits #9557 to #9589 and General Fund Vouchers #30313 to #30356. 5 Yes 0 No MC

23. ADJOURN

Motion by Supv. Dave Rickert with second by Supv. Jason VandenBerg to adjourn at 9:04p.m. 5 Yes 0 No MC

Colleen M. Laha, Clerk/Treasurer