

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018
6:00 p.m. FREEDOM TOWN HALL
W2004 COUNTY RD S**

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Chairman Steve Lowney, Supervisors Tim Maass, Dave Rickert, Kevin Schuh and Robert Schuh. Also present: PW Director Steve Brueggeman, Clerk/Treas. Barb Seegers, Deputy Clerk/Treas. Colleen Laha and Admin. Asst. Michelle Evers. Absent: Atty Steven Frassetto. Pledge recited.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING

Posted by the Clerk's office the 24th day of April 2018 at 5:45 p.m. on the 2 boards at the Town Hall and on the Town Website by the Clerk's office.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Supv. Robert Schuh with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to approve agenda as posted. 5 Yes 0 No MC

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF 09/13/2017, 03/21/2018, 4/10/2018 and 04/18/2018 MEETINGS

Motion by Supv. Maass with second by Supv. Rickert to approve the 09/13/2017, 03/21/2018, 4/10/2018 and 04/18/2018 minutes as presented. 5 Yes 0 No MC

OPEN FLOOR SESSION

Greg Potts discussed his issues with Joe Ludwig and asked if any action was going to be taken. PW Director Brueggeman will send Ludwig a letter concerning the fence and contact Steve Swanson at County on the Special Exception Permit violations.

Terri Knorr questioned Bougie request for Variance for Outdoor Furnace. She was told the operation would be ceased at the end of May.

CONSIDERATION OF ST NICHOLAS CHURCH TEMPORARY BEER LICENSE FOR CHURCH PICNIC FROM FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018 TO SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018

Motion by Supv. Robert Schuh with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to approve St. Nicholas Church Temporary Beer License for Church Picnic from Friday, June 29, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. to Sunday, July 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. with Terri Romitti as agent. 5 Yes 0 No MC

PLAN COMMISSION REFERRALS

a. Consideration of KLARNER CSM #02-03-18-15 on Hwy 55

Motion by Supv. Lowney with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to approve Klarner CSM #02-03-18-15 with no conditions. 5 Yes 0 No MC

b. Consideration of Schaetz Request to Rezone Parcel #0366-05 on McHugh Rd FROM RSF (Residential Single Family) to RTF (Residential Two Family)

Motion by Supv. Robert Schuh with second by Supv. Rickert to approve Schaetz Request to Rezone Parcel #0366-05 on McHugh Road from RSF to RTF with no conditions. 5 Yes 0 No MC

c. Consideration of Weber Request For A Conditional Use Permit #01-04-18-21 For Drain Tile Installation On Parcel #0577-02 N3539 Hooyman Ct

Motion by Supv. Tim Maass with second by Chairman Lowney to approve Weber Conditional Use Permit App. #01-04-18-21 with the following conditions:

- 1) *Any area to be graded above the drain tile should maintain above ground drainage flow to navigable waterway;*
 - 2) *Install a temporary gravel tracking pad in existing driveway adjacent to project area.*
- 5 Yes 0 No MC*

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – CONSIDERATION OF:

a. Brush Pickup Policy and Plan

Motion by Supv. Robert Schuh with second by Supv. Rickert to approve Brush Pickup Policy and Plan with adjustments as discussed and checking with Atty. on liability issues.. 5 Yes 0 No MC

b. McHugh Rd Lighting Plan Proposal

Steve Brueggeman presented the board with a lighting plan proposal for \$3973.33. Tabled until next meeting.

Award 2018 Crack Sealing Contract

Motion by Supv. Robert Schuh with second by Supv. Rickert to approve Fahrner Asphalt Sealer as the awarded 2018 Crack Sealing contract at a cost of \$18,186.00. 5 Yes 0 No MC

One other quote was received from Asphalt Seal & Repair for \$20,130.00

Maass Indemnification Letter – Industrial Drive - Tabled until next meeting

C&M Easement Termination

Motion by Supv. Maass with second by Supv. Robert Schuh to approve C&M Easement Termination with a condition pending the Freedom Sanitary District approval. 5 Yes 0 No MC

RECAP TO BOARD ON PROPOSED EMERGENCY SERVICES AND TOWN HALL FACILITY

Chris Murphy questioned the square footage of current Town Hall – 7000sq ft

Henry McKenna stated he is in favor of the new facility and that his wife's experience with first responders confirmed for him the need for this in the Town's future plans.

Ron Mashlan noted that a referendum should be held.

Lincoln Vircks mentioned having a separate building for police, fire and EMS but leave the Town Hall where it is.

Brian Higgins questioned the amount the Town can approve without a referendum.

Jason Vandenberg mentioned a fiscally conservative building and 1 overhead door rather than 2 per Fire Dept. stall

Mark Green stated the proposed Fire Department looks similar to the Seymour/Black Creek building.

Dan Vandenberg mentioned buying the place next door and expanding in this area and questioned the amount of TID #1, #2 and #3.

Gary Balck asked how far we can develop. Town is being landlocked by AG land. He also questioned why the building had to be expanded.

John VanSamBeek suggested a fire and safety building.

Al Balck suggested the town hall be used for town and police.

Steve Garvey stated a smaller building will not work for EMS & Fire Department – trucks would have to be stacked.

Gregg Potts questioned whether Freedom School District has a liaison officer and if there was a buyer for the current town hall building.

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Scott Rehrauer noted that this should not need a referendum. Safety is a big issue for residents as well as public safety responders and it is time for a new building. Board is elected by the people to make this kind of decision.

Bill VanCamp questioned the Fire Department for 1 million.

Jane Rose stated Freedom is growing and it is time to make this move the same way they did with St. Peter's church.

Brian Higgins asked residents in attendance to raise their hands to have a referendum or not. Response was evenly split.

Kathy Brockman stated we need this for the community to help do a better job. Calls for First Responders has gone from 20 calls per year when she started to 173 calls now.

Jack Nienhaus stated layout is very good but he feels this is premature and needs firmer numbers rather than estimates.

Terry Vandenberg stated he is for this but it should be on a referendum.

Chairman Lowney told residents during the meeting that the timeline they have followed, which started 2 ½ years ago, as shown in the presentation to the Board allowed Sanitary District assessments to be paid off before any further assessments were made. Estimates must be used until bids come in. The building committee of residents put a lot of time into reviewing plans and meeting with department heads to come up with a good plan. He explained that the Town Board has nothing to do with appointing a liaison officer for the school. That is strictly a school board question. Town officers do spend quite a bit of time on calls to the school but the school does not have an officer assigned strictly to the school. He also stated that the value of the current town hall is estimated at \$350,000. There has already been a \$500,000 addition added to it and adding anymore to the building was not feasible. There are companies who have inquired about purchasing the building. He noted that the building would also allow for an ambulance to be located in the town and the importance that made in saving lives.

CONSIDERATION OF PLAN TO MOVE FORWARD ON PROPOSED FACILITY

Motion by Supv. Rickert with second by Supv. Robert Schuh to approve a two question referendum on the 2 plans shown at the meeting. 5 Yes 0 No MC Election would be on August 14, 2018.

CONSIDERATION OF OPERATOR'S LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Motion by Supv. Robert Schuh with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to approve operator license for: Bridget Bowers and Orlena Wikoff pending Police Dept. approval. 5 Yes 0 No MC

CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS AND DIRECT DEPOSITS

Motion by Supv. Robert Schuh with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to approve the following: TID #1 Vouchers #112 - void & Vouchers #113 - 114; TID #2 Vouchers #116 to 121; Direct Deposits #8615 to 8658; and General Fund Vouchers #29288 to 29338. 5 Yes 0 No MC

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Written reports were reviewed.

ATTORNEY REPORT - Attorney was absent from meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion by Supv. Maass with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. 5 Yes 0 No MC

Barbara M. Seegers, Clerk