

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF
\$3,895,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS

WHEREAS, the Town Board hereby finds and determines that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the Town of Freedom, Outagamie County, Wisconsin (the "Town") to raise funds for the public purpose of refunding obligations of the Town, including interest on them, specifically, the Note Anticipation Note, dated March 11, 2020 (the "Refunded Obligation") (hereinafter the refinancing of the Refunded Obligation shall be referred to as the "Refunding");

WHEREAS, the Town Board deems it to be necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the Town to refund the Refunded Obligation for the purpose of providing permanent financing for the project financed by the Refunded Obligation;

WHEREAS, the Town is authorized by the provisions of Section 67.04, Wisconsin Statutes, to borrow money and issue general obligation refunding bonds to refinance its outstanding obligations; and

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the Town Board that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the Town to sell its general obligation refunding bonds (the "Bonds") to Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (the "Purchaser"), pursuant to the terms and conditions of its bond purchase proposal attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Proposal").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town that:

Section 1. Authorization and Sale of the Bonds. For the purpose of paying the cost of the Refunding, there shall be borrowed pursuant to Section 67.04, Wisconsin Statutes, the principal sum of THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,895,000) from the Purchaser in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Proposal. The Proposal is hereby accepted and the Chairperson and Town Clerk or other appropriate officers of the Town are authorized and directed to execute an acceptance of the Proposal on behalf of the Town. To evidence the obligation of the Town, the Chairperson and Town Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make, execute, issue and sell to the Purchaser for, on behalf of and in the name of the Town, the Bonds aggregating the principal amount of THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,895,000) for the sum set forth on the Proposal, plus accrued interest to the date of delivery.

Section 2. Terms of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be designated "General Obligation Refunding Bonds"; shall be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,895,000; shall be dated June 11, 2020; shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof; shall be numbered R-1 and upward; and shall bear interest at the rates per annum and mature on April 1 of each year, in the years and principal amounts as set forth on the Pricing Summary attached hereto as Exhibit B-1 and incorporated herein by this reference. Interest shall be payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 of each year commencing on April 1, 2021.

Interest shall be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The schedule of principal and interest payments due on the Bonds is set forth on the Debt Service Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit B-2 and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Schedule").

Section 3. Redemption Provisions. The Bonds maturing on April 1, 2030 and thereafter are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the Town, on April 1, 2028 or on any date thereafter. Said Bonds are redeemable as a whole or in part, and if in part, from maturities selected by the Town, and within each maturity by lot, at the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

If the Proposal specifies that any of the Bonds are subject to mandatory redemption, the terms of such mandatory redemption shall be set forth on an attachment hereto as Exhibit MRP and incorporated herein by this reference. Upon the optional redemption of any of the Bonds subject to mandatory redemption, the principal amount of such Bonds so redeemed shall be credited against the mandatory redemption payments established in Exhibit MRP for such Bonds in such manner as the Town shall direct.

Section 4. Form of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be issued in registered form and shall be executed and delivered in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 5. Tax Provisions.

(A) Direct Annual Irrepealable Tax Levy. For the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same becomes due, the full faith, credit and resources of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged, and there is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property of the Town a direct annual irrepealable tax in the years 2020 through 2039 for the payments due in the years 2021 through 2040 in the amounts set forth on the Schedule.

(B) Tax Collection. So long as any part of the principal of or interest on the Bonds remains unpaid, the Town shall be and continue without power to repeal such levy or obstruct the collection of said tax until all such payments have been made or provided for. After the issuance of the Bonds, said tax shall be, from year to year, carried onto the tax roll of the Town and collected in addition to all other taxes and in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes of the Town for said years are collected, except that the amount of tax carried onto the tax roll may be reduced in any year by the amount of any surplus money in the Debt Service Fund Account created below.

(C) Additional Funds. If at any time there shall be on hand insufficient funds from the aforesaid tax levy to meet principal and/or interest payments on said Bonds when due, the requisite amounts shall be paid from other funds of the Town then available, which sums shall be replaced upon the collection of the taxes herein levied.

Section 6. Segregated Debt Service Fund Account.

(A) Creation and Deposits. There be and there hereby is established in the treasury of the Town, if one has not already been created, a debt service fund, separate and

distinct from every other fund, which shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Debt service or sinking funds established for obligations previously issued by the Town may be considered as separate and distinct accounts within the debt service fund.

Within the debt service fund, there hereby is established a separate and distinct account designated as the "Debt Service Fund Account for General Obligation Refunding Bonds, dated June 11, 2020" (the "Debt Service Fund Account") and such account shall be maintained until the indebtedness evidenced by the Bonds is fully paid or otherwise extinguished. There shall be deposited into the Debt Service Fund Account (i) all accrued interest received by the Town at the time of delivery of and payment for the Bonds; (ii) any premium not used for the Refunding which may be received by the Town above the par value of the Bonds and accrued interest thereon; (iii) all money raised by the taxes herein levied and any amounts appropriated for the specific purpose of meeting principal of and interest on the Bonds when due; (iv) such other sums as may be necessary at any time to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds when due; (v) surplus monies in the Borrowed Money Fund as specified below; and (vi) such further deposits as may be required by Section 67.11, Wisconsin Statutes.

(B) Use and Investment. No money shall be withdrawn from the Debt Service Fund Account and appropriated for any purpose other than the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds until all such principal and interest has been paid in full and the Bonds canceled; provided (i) the funds to provide for each payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds prior to the scheduled receipt of taxes from the next succeeding tax collection may be invested in direct obligations of the United States of America maturing in time to make such payments when they are due or in other investments permitted by law; and (ii) any funds over and above the amount of such principal and interest payments on the Bonds may be used to reduce the next succeeding tax levy, or may, at the option of the Town, be invested by purchasing the Bonds as permitted by and subject to Section 67.11(2)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, or in permitted municipal investments under the pertinent provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes ("Permitted Investments"), which investments shall continue to be a part of the Debt Service Fund Account. Any investment of the Debt Service Fund Account shall at all times conform with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and any applicable Treasury Regulations (the "Regulations").

(C) Remaining Monies. When all of the Bonds have been paid in full and canceled, and all Permitted Investments disposed of, any money remaining in the Debt Service Fund Account shall be transferred and deposited in the general fund of the Town, unless the Town Board directs otherwise.

Section 7. Proceeds of the Bonds; Segregated Borrowed Money Fund. The proceeds of the Bonds (the "Bond Proceeds") (other than any premium not used for the Refunding and accrued interest which must be paid at the time of the delivery of the Bonds into the Debt Service Fund Account created above) shall be deposited into a special fund (the "Borrowed Money Fund") separate and distinct from all other funds of the Town and disbursed solely for the purpose or purposes for which borrowed. Monies in the Borrowed Money Fund may be temporarily invested in Permitted Investments. Any monies, including any income from Permitted Investments, remaining in the Borrowed Money Fund after the purpose or purposes for

which the Bonds have been issued have been accomplished, and, at any time, any monies as are not needed and which obviously thereafter cannot be needed for such purpose(s) shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund Account.

Section 8. No Arbitrage. All investments made pursuant to this Resolution shall be Permitted Investments, but no such investment shall be made in such a manner as would cause the Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code or the Regulations and an officer of the Town, charged with the responsibility for issuing the Bonds, shall certify as to facts, estimates, circumstances and reasonable expectations in existence on the date of delivery of the Bonds to the Purchaser which will permit the conclusion that the Bonds are not "arbitrage bonds," within the meaning of the Code or Regulations.

Section 9. Compliance with Federal Tax Laws. (a) The Town represents and covenants that the projects financed by the Bonds and by the Refunded Obligation and the ownership, management and use of the projects will not cause the Bonds or the Refunded Obligation to be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Code. The Town further covenants that it shall comply with the provisions of the Code to the extent necessary to maintain the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Bonds including, if applicable, the rebate requirements of Section 148(f) of the Code. The Town further covenants that it will not take any action, omit to take any action or permit the taking or omission of any action within its control (including, without limitation, making or permitting any use of the proceeds of the Bonds) if taking, permitting or omitting to take such action would cause any of the Bonds to be an arbitrage bond or a private activity bond within the meaning of the Code or would otherwise cause interest on the Bonds to be included in the gross income of the recipients thereof for federal income tax purposes. The Town Clerk or other officer of the Town charged with the responsibility of issuing the Bonds shall provide an appropriate certificate of the Town certifying that the Town can and covenanting that it will comply with the provisions of the Code and Regulations.

(b) The Town also covenants to use its best efforts to meet the requirements and restrictions of any different or additional federal legislation which may be made applicable to the Bonds provided that in meeting such requirements the Town will do so only to the extent consistent with the proceedings authorizing the Bonds and the laws of the State of Wisconsin and to the extent that there is a reasonable period of time in which to comply.

Section 10. Designation as Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations. The Bonds are hereby designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265 of the Code, relating to the ability of financial institutions to deduct from income for federal income tax purposes, interest expense that is allocable to carrying and acquiring tax-exempt obligations.

Section 11. Execution of the Bonds; Closing; Professional Services. The Bonds shall be issued in printed form, executed on behalf of the Town by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairperson and Town Clerk, authenticated, if required, by the Fiscal Agent (defined below), sealed with its official or corporate seal, if any, or a facsimile thereof, and delivered to the Purchaser upon payment to the Town of the purchase price thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of delivery (the "Closing"). The facsimile signature of either of the officers executing the Bonds may be imprinted on the Bonds in lieu of the manual signature of the officer but, unless

the Town has contracted with a fiscal agent to authenticate the Bonds, at least one of the signatures appearing on each Bond shall be a manual signature. In the event that either of the officers whose signatures appear on the Bonds shall cease to be such officers before the Closing, such signatures shall, nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all purposes to the same extent as if they had remained in office until the Closing. The aforesaid officers are hereby authorized and directed to do all acts and execute and deliver the Bonds and all such documents, certificates and acknowledgements as may be necessary and convenient to effectuate the Closing. The Town hereby authorizes the officers and agents of the Town to enter into, on its behalf, agreements and contracts in conjunction with the Bonds, including but not limited to agreements and contracts for legal, trust, fiscal agency, disclosure and continuing disclosure, and rebate calculation services. Any such contract heretofore entered into in conjunction with the issuance of the Bonds is hereby ratified and approved in all respects.

Section 12. Payment of the Bonds; Fiscal Agent. The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be paid by Associated Trust Company, National Association, Green Bay, Wisconsin, which is hereby appointed as the Town's registrar and fiscal agent pursuant to the provisions of Section 67.10(2), Wisconsin Statutes (the "Fiscal Agent"). The Town hereby authorizes the Chairperson and Town Clerk or other appropriate officers of the Town to enter a Fiscal Agency Agreement between the Town and the Fiscal Agent. Such contract may provide, among other things, for the performance by the Fiscal Agent of the functions listed in Wis. Stats. Sec. 67.10(2)(a) to (j), where applicable, with respect to the Bonds.

Section 13. Persons Treated as Owners; Transfer of Bonds. The Town shall cause books for the registration and for the transfer of the Bonds to be kept by the Fiscal Agent. The person in whose name any Bond shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes and payment of either principal or interest on any Bond shall be made only to the registered owner thereof. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

Any Bond may be transferred by the registered owner thereof by surrender of the Bond at the office of the Fiscal Agent, duly endorsed for the transfer or accompanied by an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney duly authorized in writing. Upon such transfer, the Chairperson and Town Clerk shall execute and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new Bond or Bonds of a like aggregate principal amount, series and maturity and the Fiscal Agent shall record the name of each transferee in the registration book. No registration shall be made to bearer. The Fiscal Agent shall cancel any Bond surrendered for transfer.

The Town shall cooperate in any such transfer, and the Chairperson and Town Clerk are authorized to execute any new Bond or Bonds necessary to effect any such transfer.

Section 14. Record Date. The 15th day of the calendar month next preceding each interest payment date shall be the record date for the Bonds (the "Record Date"). Payment of interest on the Bonds on any interest payment date shall be made to the registered owners of the Bonds as they appear on the registration book of the Town at the close of business on the Record Date.

Section 15. Utilization of The Depository Trust Company Book-Entry-Only System. In order to make the Bonds eligible for the services provided by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), the Town agrees to the applicable provisions set forth in the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations, which the Town Clerk or other authorized representative of the Town is authorized and directed to execute and deliver to DTC on behalf of the Town to the extent an effective Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations is not presently on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Section 16. Official Statement. The Town Board hereby approves the Preliminary Official Statement with respect to the Bonds and deems the Preliminary Official Statement as "final" as of its date for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"). All actions taken by officers of the Town in connection with the preparation of such Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda to it or final Official Statement are hereby ratified and approved. In connection with the Closing, the appropriate Town official shall certify the Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda or final Official Statement. The Town Clerk shall cause copies of the Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda or final Official Statement to be distributed to the Purchaser.

Section 17. Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure. The Town hereby covenants and agrees, for the benefit of the owners of the Bonds, to enter into a written undertaking (the "Undertaking") if required by the Rule to provide continuing disclosure of certain financial information and operating data and timely notices of the occurrence of certain events in accordance with the Rule. The Undertaking shall be enforceable by the owners of the Bonds or by the Purchaser on behalf of such owners (provided that the rights of the owners and the Purchaser to enforce the Undertaking shall be limited to a right to obtain specific performance of the obligations thereunder and any failure by the Town to comply with the provisions of the Undertaking shall not be an event of default with respect to the Bonds).

To the extent required under the Rule, the Chairperson and Town Clerk, or other officer of the Town charged with the responsibility for issuing the Bonds, shall provide a Continuing Disclosure Certificate for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the details and terms of the Town's Undertaking.

Section 18. Redemption of the Refunded Obligation. The Refunded Obligation is hereby called for prior payment and redemption on June 29, 2020 at a price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.


The Town hereby directs the Town Clerk to take all actions necessary for the redemption of the Refunded Obligation on its redemption date. Any and all actions heretofore taken by the officers and agents of the Town to effectuate such redemption are hereby ratified and approved.

Section 19. Record Book. The Town Clerk shall provide and keep the transcript of proceedings as a separate record book (the "Record Book") and shall record a full and correct statement of every step or proceeding had or taken in the course of authorizing and issuing the Bonds in the Record Book.

Section 20. Bond Insurance. If the Purchaser determines to obtain municipal bond insurance with respect to the Bonds, the officers of the Town are authorized to take all actions necessary to obtain such municipal bond insurance. The Chairperson and Town Clerk are authorized to agree to such additional provisions as the bond insurer may reasonably request and which are acceptable to the Chairperson and Town Clerk including provisions regarding restrictions on investment of Bond proceeds, the payment procedure under the municipal bond insurance policy, the rights of the bond insurer in the event of default and payment of the Bonds by the bond insurer and notices to be given to the bond insurer. In addition, any reference required by the bond insurer to the municipal bond insurance policy shall be made in the form of Bond provided herein.


Section 21. Conflicting Resolutions; Severability; Effective Date. All prior resolutions, rules or other actions of the Town Board or any parts thereof in conflict with the provisions hereof shall be, and the same are, hereby rescinded insofar as the same may so conflict. In the event that any one or more provisions hereof shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions hereof. The foregoing shall take effect immediately upon adoption and approval in the manner provided by law.

Adopted, approved and recorded May 27, 2020.



Charles Kramer
Chairperson

ATTEST:



Colleen M. Laha
Town Clerk



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