

APPROVED 10/28/2020
TOWN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 23, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Freedom Town Hall
W2004 County Rd S

This was a “Virtual” meeting using Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE

Town Board Meeting called to order by Chairman Charlie Kramer at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Charles Kramer, Brandon Conrad, Kevin Schuh, Supv. Dave Rickert and Jason Vandenberg.

Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Laha, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Evers, Attorney Steve Frassetto and Dean Zanon.

Pledge recited

2. VERIFICATION OF POSTING AND ADOPT AGENDA

Meeting Posted by Clerk’s office the 18th day of September, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. on 2 boards at the Town Hall, and on Town Website. Also posted at: Dairyland Depot, Freedom Mini Mart and HNR, LLC

Amended Agenda Posted by Clerk’s office the 21st day of September, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. on 2 boards at the Town Hall, and on Town Website. Also posted at: Dairyland Depot, Freedom Mini Mart and HNR, LLC

Motion by Chairman Charles Kramer with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to approve the agenda as posted. Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES 8/26/2020

Motion by Chairman Charles Kramer with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to approve the minutes of 8/26/2020 correcting the typo on page 3 (l.) - date.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

4. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION - None

5. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT FOR FIELD OF SCENES

Motion by Chairman Charles Kramer with second by Supv. Jason Vandenberg to approve special event for Field Of Scenes for September 26, 2020.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

6. CONSIDERATION OF OPERATOR’S LICENSE REQUESTS

Motion by Chairman Charles Kramer with second by Supv. Jason Vandenberg to approve Operator’s License as presented: Aryah Kohlbeck.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

7. PLAN COMMISSION REFERRALS

- A. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP APPLICATION; BRAD BAKER & DEAN HENRICKSON (ON BEHALF OF WAYLON MELCHERT); PIN 090-0329-00 (FRENCH ROAD), LOCATED ADJACENT TO NORTH OF N4359 FRENCH ROAD

Motion by Chairman Charles Kramer with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to approve the certified survey map application; Brad Baker & Dean Henrickson (on behalf of Waylon Melchert); pin 090-0329-00 (French Road), located adjacent to north of N4359 French Road with no conditions.

- B. CONSIDERATION OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR FILLING/GRADING WITHIN 300 FEET OF A NAVIGABLE STREAM (TRIBUTARY OF APPLE CREEK) ASSOCIATED WITH A PROPOSED POND AND SHED; DAVID & STEPHANIE LINSMEYER; W1896 LAU ROAD

(PIN 090-0976)

Motion by Chairman Charles Kramer with second by Supv. Jason Vandenberg to approve conditional use permit application for filling/grading within 300 feet of a navigable stream (tributary of apple creek) associated with a proposed pond and shed; David & Stephanie Linsmeyer; W1896 Lau Road (pin 090-0976) with the following 3 conditions:

- 1. The project shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal codes/ordinances; including obtaining any necessary permits/approvals from Outagamie County for the project, and from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources if the total area of land disturbance exceeds 1 acre (43,560 sq. ft.) in area.***
- 2. A Town of Freedom Erosion Control Permit for the pond shall be obtained from the Town of Freedom prior to commencing any land disturbance on the property.***
- 3. A building permit shall be obtained from the Town of Freedom prior commencing construction of the shed.***

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

- C. UPDATE ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Supv. Brandon Conrad stated that there was nothing new to report. The Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing is coming up on October 7th.

8. CONSIDERATIONS OF POSSIBLE CHANGES TO BURNING ORDINANCE

A lengthy discussion was held. Fire Chief Mark Green emphasized that with the permit we receive information regarding what type of materials the resident will be burning, where it will take place and dates it will occur. Chairman Charles Kramer commented that if residents could call the Town Hall, leaving basic information it would take some of the pressure off the brush drop-off. Board members felt this process could be streamlined by calling in rather than filling out a permit and getting it approved.

Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad and second by Chairman Charles Kramer to change from a written burn permit to a call-in method for burn permits once we have a plan in place.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

9. DISCUSS THE FIRE TRUCK BREAK DOWN, REPAIRS & CURRENT/FUTURE OPERATIONS OF 3325

1. Fire Chief Mark Green reported that a few weeks ago they had a serious breakdown with their second out engine, the 3325. This is the '95 truck purchased from Grand Chute a few years back. The 3325 experienced a problem with the electronic throttle on the pump and failed the annual pump testing. It has been repaired and passed the

pump test. It is back in service. Most times it is used to carry equipment and personnel. This is the truck that was planned to be replaced in the next 12 to 18 months.

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10. DEPARTMENT/ATTORNEY REPORTS

Written reports were presented from the Engineer, Attorney, Public Works and Clerk - **See Attached.**

Engineer Report - Bill Kohrt stated that he had received a text that the town would no longer participate in any of the French Road dredging project. Supv. Brandon Conrad responded that it had been discussed at several board meetings that this is on private property. The town has put \$25,000.00 toward the engineering and bid package development for that project already. The attorney is waiting to hear back from the other 3 jurisdictions are willing to participate in a stormwater utility district for that western part of the town. Frassetto will update at the October Town Board Meeting. Kohrt commented that the attorney had not returned his calls. Residents should be going through the town, not contacting the town attorney directly.

Engineer reported Tear Drop Lane project has started with a completion near late October. Attorney received the utility plan for Belgioioso. Everything else is lined up on the developer's agreement.

Attorney Report - The attorney reported about the parking complaints on McHugh Rd. McHugh Rd is not part of a recorded subdivision therefore if the truck is parked according to state law, correct distances from corners, it is permitted.

Lighting at Country Villa was discussed. A letter has been sent to Reader asking for proof of the original lighting plan. Reader needs to respond by next Monday. Frassetto will also call Margaret Coenen again regarding the lighting situation.

The VFW Hall is owned by the VFW. They can get their plan together. The Town will need to approve the plan.

Frassetto will let Chad & Mark Properties know that they have to get the final layer on the street and settle the outstanding invoices this year yet.

Park Report – Supv. Kevin Schuh reported that had a park committee meeting and a few days later had met with some people to discuss various projects. Ideas for the money in the park fund that needs to be spent included: lights for the diamonds, lights in the parking lot, new roof for the concession stand. Supv. Schuh said they will need to look at the park budget. Supv. Schuh stated that the lights are not cheap, they are about \$700,000. Supv. Kevin Schuh will contact Brad Viegut from Baird for funding options. Supv. Schuh also gave an update on the flashing pedestrian crossing signs. They are installed and operating. The school has the key for programming the flashing lights. After discussing where the key should be kept, it was decided that the school would keep it and program the lights.

The school agreement for use of the park was discussed. The school is paying \$3,000.00 per year and an extra \$5,000.00 per year for the next 15 years. Athletic Association was going to put \$10,000.00 a year for 15 years. A couple of other groups were putting \$500.00 and \$1,000.00 for 15 years. After it was done the Lions Club was going to give between \$10,000.00 and \$15,000.00 for it.

Supv. Jason Vandenberg suggested that the school needs to pay at least \$12,000.00 per year. Supv. Jason Vandenberg and Supv. Brandon Conrad agreed that \$3,000.00 per year for use of the baseball and soccer fields was way too cheap. Chairman Charles Kramer

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questioned how the school board responded. Supv. Kevin Schuh stated that is why the school put \$8,000.00 in their budget. It would have to be for the following year because the budget is already completed. Supv. Jason Vandenberg said that is where we can force their hand and say if they don't pay, they don't play. Supv. Vandenberg heard that they were thinking of going to a different community and play on someone else's field. Supv. Vandenberg said if they want to do that, go right ahead and try contacting a different town. Supv. Vandenberg asked Supv. Schuh to approach the school board letting them know that \$3,000.00 per year is not sufficient for use of the fields. Chairman Kramer suggested that Kevin invite Kevin Kilstofte, the Freedom School District Administrator to attend the next park meeting. Supv. Schuh will try to set up another Park Committee meeting in October and invite Kilstofte to attend.

11. CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS/DIRECT DEPOSITS

Motion by Supv. Kevin Schuh with second by Supv. Brandon Conrad to approve General Fund Vouchers #30693 to 30743, Direct Deposits # 9861 to 9897, TID 1 #129-130, TID 2 #170-173 and Fire Dept/EMS BLDG Checking #1009. Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

12. ADJOURN

Motion by Chairman Charles Kramer with second by Supv. Jason Vandenberg to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Colleen M. Laha, Clerk/Treasurer