

**Approved 1/27/2021**

**TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 2020**

**6:00 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 6:01 p.m.

Members present: Chairman Charles Kramer, Supervisors: Brandon Conrad, Kevin Schuh and Jason Vandenberg. Supervisor Dave Rickert was excused.

Also present: Clerk Treasurer Colleen Laha

Silent prayer time and pledge recited.

**2. VERIFICATION OF POSTING AND APPROVE AGENDA**

Meeting Posted by Clerk's office the 18th day of December, 2020 at 3:00 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 Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to approve the agenda as posted. 4 Yes 0 No MC***

**3. CONSIDERATION OF CREATING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Town Board discussed issues with having an Economic Development committee. Charles Kramer felt it would create more transparency as to what developments were being considered in the town. Other board members felt the town was not ready for it yet. They expressed factors such as privacy in the beginning stages and bargaining power. Creating an Economic Development Committee was tabled.

**4. CONSIDERATION OF ROADS TO BID OUT NEXT YEAR**

They would like to complete approximately 2 ½ miles of road projects annually. The board discussed the roads projects they plan to complete in 2021. The following are the planned road projects for 2021 which come out of Capital Outlay: Elk Lane, Bell Court, Marty,s Court, Murphy Rd, Breeze way , Sharon Rose and Broadway Dr (French Rd to Holland Rd – ½ Mile).

**5. CONSIDERATION OF ROAD SPECS**

Chairman Charles Kramer told the town board that he originally put Chapter 11 Road Specifications together. At that time he was thinking of the the heavy agricultural traffic when a minimum roadway surface depth for public roads shall be 3 ½ inches of plant mixed bituminous concrete was approved for the Chapter 11 Road Specifications. Since that time Kramer has reconsidered residential subdivision areas where there is less traffic and mostly local traffic. Kramer now believes 2 ½ inch would be sufficient in residential subdivisions.

***Motion by Chairman Charles Kramer to change Chapter 11.02 from 3 ½ inches of plant mixed bituminous concrete to 2 ½ inches of plant mixed bituminous concrete. Motion died for lack of second.***

Board would like to discuss with Engineer before making any decisions.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASING A TRUCK FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

It was noted that previously it had been discussed using applying for a State Trust Fund Loan to cover the costs associated with the Tear Drop Lane/Garvey Road project. Town Board will meet on Monday, December 28, 2020 to consider applying for a State Trust Fund Loan for the Tear Drop Lane/Garvey Rd project.

*Motion By Charles Kramer with second by Supv. Brandon Conrad to purchase truck for public works department, not to exceed \$32,000.00. 4 Yes 0 No MC*

*Motion by Supv. Kevin Schuh with second by Supv. Jason Vandenberg to move an amount not to exceed \$32,000.00 from the county sales tax account to purchase the truck for the public works department. 4 Yes 0 No MC*

**7. CONSIDERATION OF HIRING TOWN EMPLOYEE**

*Motion by Chairman Charles Kramer to hire Tom Lemmers as Public Works/Parks Laborer. Died for lack of second.*

*Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Jason Vandenberg to hire Kevin Jordan as Public Works/Parks Laborer. 3 Yes 1 No (Charlie Opposed.) MC*

**8. ADJOURN**

*Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. 4 Yes 0 No MC*

Colleen M. Laha, Clerk/Treasurer