

Approved 3/24/2021
TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021
6:00 P.M.

(OR Immediately following close of Joint Special Town Board Meeting which begins at 5:30 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 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Chairman Charles Kramer, Supv. Brandon Conrad, Supv. Tim Maass, Supv. Kevin Schuh and Supv. Jason Vandenberg.

Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Laha, Attorney Steve Frassetto and Justin Keen from Cedar Corp

Silent prayer.

Pledge recited.

2. VERIFICATION OF POSTING AND APPROVE AGENDA

Meeting Posted on the 2 Boards at the Freedom Town Hall and on the Town website on the 20th day of February, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. by the Clerk's Office. Also posted at: Dairyland Depot, Freedom Mini Mart and Shop & Save Mart/ Halesi, LLC.

Amended and re-posted on the 2 Boards at the Freedom Town Hall and on the Town website on the 23rd day of February, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. by the Clerk's Office. Also posted at: Dairyland Depot, Freedom Mini Mart and Shop & Save Mart/ Halesi, LLC.

Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to approve the agenda as posted. Vote: 5 Yes 0 No Motion Carried.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF 1/27/2021 & 2/10/2021

Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to approve the minutes of 1/27/2021 (Joint Meeting of Town Board and Freedom Food Pantry), 1/27/2021 (Town Board Meeting) 3 Yes 0 No Motion Carried (Chairman Charles Kramer and Supv. Tim Maass Abstained) Minutes of 2/10/2021. Vote: 4 Yes 0 No Motion Carried. (Supv. Tim Maass Abstained)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Fire Chief Mark Green asked who the new Outagamie County Sheriff Deputy for Freedom was. Supv. Brandon Conrad announced that Clay Paulson had been chosen. The Fire Department and EMS will be notified in the future when a change occurs.

Fire Chief Green discussed that they had not moved everything out of the fire garage. The board was ok with giving them a month to finish removing everything that was remaining. Temporarily the items in the old fire garage can remain.

Mark Green will work with clerk on the maintenance agreements and supplies needed for the new fire department.

Sam Van Handel expressed concerns about Monday night's meeting of why the no board members were present for the interviews of the deputy clerk's position. The board explained that they had they directed the clerk to do the interviews and if she needed help to let them know. Van Handel also felt it was wrong to appoint someone that lost in the April 2019 election to a write-in candidate to now be appointed to the board.

Van Handel also commented that 75% of the time when he drives by the Town Garage the chairman is there watching the employees. Van Handel stated that it is hard for the employees to do their job when you always have someone telling you what you are doing wrong. Supv. Jason Vandenberg Supv. Jason Vandenberg requested a closed session for the March Town Board Meeting to discuss employee issues.

Supv. Tim Maass commented that his road ditches and snow plowing was better than ever. Maass also questioned if it was legal to have a silent prayer. Clerk will check to see if it is legal. Attorney Frassetto explained that it was acceptable if it is nondenominational.

5. REVIEW OF BIDS AND POSSIBLE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR VFW PARK RESTROOM RENOVATION CONTRACT # A-21

Motion by Supv. Jason Vandenberg with second by Supv. Brandon Conrad to award the contract for the VFW Park Restroom Renovation Contract #A-21 to IEI General Construction for \$52,360.00 without the alternate bid with the condition the Town fixes the roof using the money from the Park Fund.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No Motion Carried. Supv. Tim Maass will get quotes to repair roof.

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ROAD BIDS

Residents on Bell Court discussed concerns of drainage issues at the Joint Meeting immediately preceding the Town Board Meeting. At this time, no action was taken regarding the road bids. Chairman Charles Kramer will meet Justin Keen from Cedar Corp on Bell Court and Elk Lane Friday, February 26, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. to assess the location.

7. CONSIDERATION OF OPERATOR'S LICENSE REQUESTS

Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Chairman Charles Kramer to approve the operator's licenses for Margo Fox (Freedom Athletic Association, Kendra Becker (Murphy's Skunk Hill) and Conor Dickrell (Freedom Mini Mart). One application was denied.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No Motion Carried.

8. DEPARTMENT/ATTORNEY REPORTS

Engineer's Report – Justin Keen from Cedar had nothing to report.

Attorney's Report - Steve Frassetto reviewed his written report. He received reconciliation documents from Chad and Mark Properties. Meeting with them to go through the documents.

The county sheriff's department contacted Frassetto about coordinating the UTV and ATV trails system.

Individual town needs to apply with the county for authorization to use a county road for a UTV/ATV route.

Frassetto will check into what the requirements and cost will be.

Insurance agent inquiring who the contents of new building belong to. The contents will be on town insurance.

Frassetto will be working with Fire Chief Green on the fire protection agreement.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Colleen Laha reviewed invoices with the board. Clerk instructed to check on fire department if email address for fire department can still be on the town's server. She reported that property tax collections were finalized. The office is busy registering dogs. The February 16th Spring Primary Election had 461 voters. The clerk's office is working on setting up the April Election.

9. APPROVE DEPUTY CLERK'S WAGE

Motion by Chairman Charles Kramer with second by Supv. Brandon Conrad to approve Deputy Clerk Jennifer Andersen's wage of \$20.50 per hour with a wage increase of .50 to \$21.00 per hour after six months effective immediately. Vote: 5 Yes 0 No MC

10. CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS/DIRECT DEPOSITS

Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Chairman Charles Kramer to approve Vouchers #31027– 31054, Direct Deposits #10050 – 10069.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No Motion Carried.

11. ADJOURN

Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv Kevin Schuh to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No Motion Carried

Colleen M. Laha, Clerk