

**Approved: 08/25/2021**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY,AUGUST 16, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**FREEDOM TOWN HALL**  
**W2004 COUNTY RD S**

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INVOCATION, PLEDGE**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Charles Kramer at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Chairman Charles Kramer, Supv. Tim Maass, Supv. Brandon Conrad, Supv. Jason Vandenberg, Supv. Kevin Schuh. Supv. Jason Vandenberg left at 6:28 p.m. and returned at 7:03 p.m. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Laha, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Billie Jo De Jong, Dean Zanon and Ken Jaworski from Cedar Corporation. Invocation Pledge recited.

**2. VERIFICATION OF POSTING**

Posted on the 2 Boards at the Freedom Town Hall and on the Town website on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. by the Clerk's Office. Also posted at: Dairyland Depot, Freedom Mini Mart and Shop & Save Mart/Halesi, LLC.

**3. ADOPT AGENDA**

***Motion by Supv. Jason Vandenberg with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to adopt the agenda switching Item 4. (Discussion & possible action on engineering services for the town) & Item 5. (Discussion on administrator/finance director around).***

***Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes***

**4. DISCUSSION ON ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Supervisor Jason Vandenberg opened the discussion on why he feels the Town of Freedom would benefit by hiring an administrator/finance director. After some discussion Supervisor Tim Maass brought up that he believes the Town would benefit more by hiring a public works director. No decisions were made at this time, but it is something the board will continue to consider.

**5. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TOWN**

Dean Zanon and Ken Jaworski from Cedar Corporation made a presentation before the board. They discussed accomplishments, updated their planning, zoning, and engineering services available to the Town, and promoted the renewing of their contract with the Town of Freedom. Supervisor Tim Maass brought up the fact that he was concerned with the job that Cedar Corporation was doing and had heard from multiple people in the area that they did not like working with Cedar Corporation. Due to a discussion that the Town Board had at a previous meeting the Board commissioned Tim Maass to contact multiple Engineering Firms and set up interviews to compare services and pricing and come back with the information that he had gathered. Multiple Engineering Firms were interviewed, and Tim Maass went over some of the findings from those interviews. Supervisor Brandon Conrad commented that he was very pleased with how Cedar Corporation was handling the Plan Commission meetings. He stated

that Jeff Kussow was always well prepared, and that the organization of materials made the review process and decision making easier.

***Motion by Supv. Tim Maass with a second by Supv. Kevin Schuh that effective September 25<sup>th</sup> when their contract is up, that we notify them 30 days in advance that we will not be renewing their contract and that he would recommend that the Town switches engineering firms and we contract with Mc Mahon Engineering for the Town's engineering services moving forward.***

***Further discussion took place. Attorney Steve Frassetto advised Supv. Tim Maass to withdraw the original motion and make a new motion.***

***Motion by Supv. Tim Maass with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to provide written notice to Cedar Corporation for non-renewal of contract effective 12/31/2021 and not auto renewing contact.***

***Roll Call Vote: Charles Kramer – Yea***

***Tim Maass – Yea***

***Jason Vandenberg – Nay***

***Kevin Schuh – Yea***

***Brandon Conrad - Nay***

***3 Yea / 2 Nay Motion Carried: Yes***

**6. ADJOURN**

***Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. 5 Yea 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes***

Colleen M. Laha, Clerk/Treasurer