

Approved: 10/27/2021
TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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. Jason Vandenberg, and Supv. Kevin Schuh. Supv. Brandon Conrad was excused.
Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Laha, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Billie Jo De Jong, Attorney Steve Frassetto and Dean Zanon from Cedar Corporation.
2. VERIFICATION OF POSTING/ADOPT AGENDA
Posted on the 2 Boards at the Freedom Town Hall and on the Town website on the 16th day of September 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.
Motion by Supv. Tim Maass with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to adopt the agenda.
Vote: 4 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF 8/24/2021 & 8/25/2021
Motion by Supv. Tim Maass with second by Supv. Jason Vandenberg to approve the minutes of 08/24/2021 & 8/25/2021 Town Board Meetings.
Vote: 4 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
4. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION
John Urban questioned who hires the public works employees and how the training is going. Discussion was also brought up about having a policy put in place, so public works employees understand their responsibilities.
Bill Van Camp addressed the town board and stated it's been over 100 days since he applied for a building permit. His concern was how his zoning changed from agricultural to single family residential. Attorney Steve Frassetto said the only way Van Camp would get a building permit approval is if he applies for a planned development district. Frassetto explained that he can do nothing further, and that Van Camp must go directly to the County if he plans to move forward on this.
Barb Pahl questioned what could be done about offensive graffiti. After discussing the details of the graffiti in question it was determined that the sign was covered under freedom of speech. Debbie VanderHeiden, the Town of Kaukauna Clerk and County Supervisor for District 32, discussed the redistricting map. She will no longer be able to serve as District 32 Supervisor after redistricting is approved because District 32 lines were moved, and her residence will no longer be in District 32.
Nick Smith spoke about upgrades he feels need to be addressed the park. Lori Dallmann from the Athletic Association brought up drainage issues that she was seeing around the park. After a long discussion was held, and the Town Board agreed to keep those issues in mind and discuss further at the upcoming budget meetings.
5. PLAN COMMISSION REFERRALS
 - A. CONSIDERATION OF SITE PLAN APPLICATION; KLINK PROPERTIES LLC; PIN 090-2111-00; W1941 INDUSTRIAL DR
Motion by with second by Supv. Jason Vandenberg with second by Supv. Tim Maass to recommend approval site plan requested by Klink Properties LLC for expansion of the

parking area on the property addressed; pin 090-2111-00; W1941 Industrial Drive with the following three conditions:

- 1. The project shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal codes/ordinances.***
- 2. The development/property shall comply with all requirements of the Declaration of Covenants and restrictions for the first addition to the Freedom Industrial Park Plat.***
- 3. Any substantial changes or additions to the site plan and/or building plans must be reviewed and approved by the Plan Commission and Town Board in accordance with the requirements of the Town of Freedom Site Plan Ordinance.***

It was also determined that no additional landscaping or screening is required for the proposed project.

Vote: 4 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

6. RESOLUTION 2021-04 ADOPTING OUTAGAMIE COUNTY REDISTRICTING WARDS PLAN
Motion by Supv. Tim Maass with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to approve Resolution 2021-04 to adopt the Outagamie County Redistricting Ward Plans.

Vote: 3 Yea / 1 Nay Motion Carried: Yes Charlie Kramer – Opposed.

7. ENGINEERING REPORT

- A. VFW Restroom – The only thing left to finish up on in the VFW Restrooms are some touchups on the epoxy floor. This is scheduled to be completed in the next couple of weeks.
- B. Ballfield Lighting – Pole and light delivery is scheduled for September 27. The week of October 4th they will be trenching in conduit and running conductors. The week after that they will be setting poles and connecting lights. Mid October the connections and final restorations will take place. By late October the project should be wrapped up.
- C. Town Hall Roof – Nothing was stated.

8. ATTORNEY/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Attorney Steve Frassetto was going to bring up the Bill Van Camp zoning issues, but it was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Hillcrest Homes cancellation agreement was signed off on and that transaction is now complete.

Attorney Steve Frassetto completed the fund balance policy and will get a copy to the clerk.

The Town received notice from Circuit Court in Milwaukee that Brendan P. Matthews and Cermele & Matthews are seeking payment on alleged contract for services rendered. Attorney Steve Frassetto drafted a response from the Town of Freedom denying that we owe anything that relates to when Chief Nechodom hired another law firm to challenge the disillusion of the department in 2019 without Town Board approval.

There was an open discussion held about stormwater and drainage issues throughout the town. Dean Zanon from Cedar Corporation said there needs to be more discussion at the board level regarding what they want in stormwater management.

Fire Chief Mark Green questioned when the Town Board would like to meet with the Fire Department to go over their contract. The Town Board requested budget information before the October 4 meeting and said they would make a special meeting to review the contract in late October or early November. The fire department plans to have a formal proposal by next week for the new fire truck and hope to have it ready for the October board meeting.

A discussion was also brought up about SCBA, breathing apparatus machines. The Fire Department has exhausted all efforts to obtain a FEMA grant to purchase the new equipment. This has been a discussion at the last two budget meetings and can no longer be put off. The cost to purchase SCBA equipment is around \$150,000 and will need to be discussed further at the upcoming budget meeting.

The Park Public Work employee discussed all the vandalism happening at the parks. With soccer season starting he has been busy at the parks. He has also had to handle some maintenance issues at the VFW Hall. In the future he would like to have better communication and discuss different methods for efficiency. He noted that there are no guidelines or instruction manuals to help him understand the expectations for his position and would like to see those moving forward.

The road ratings have been completed by Jeremy and Charles Kramer. The highway public works employee brought up how he would like to see his truck set up to make it more efficient. A couple of different options for toolboxes were discussed, but no decision was made. He discussed how using a map would eliminate yearly stake placements for marking inlets for snow plowing season. The highway public works employee was looking for board approval to break the town into four quadrants for road inspections instead of trying to do it all in one day. His reasoning was that he could repair the roads and fix any other issues while doing inspections instead of having to run back later to complete the repairs.

They also discussed the need for a trailer to transport the riding mower to the new Fire/EMS building/cemeteries.

9. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to deliberate or negotiate the investing of public funds relating to potential development in TID No. 1, where competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Town Board exercises responsibility.

Motion by Supv. Jason Vandenberg with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to move to closed session at 8:25 p.m. pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to deliberate or negotiate the investing of public funds relating to potential development in TID No. 1, where competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Town Board exercises responsibility.

Chairman Charles Kramer - Yes

Supv. Tim Maass – Yes

Supv. Jason Vandenberg – Yes

Supv. Kevin Schuh - Yes

Vote: 4 Yes / 0 No Motion Carried.

10. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Supv. Jason Vandenberg with second by Supv. Tim Maass to return to open session at 9:50 p.m.

Chairman Charles Kramer - Yes

Supv. Tim Maass – Yes

Supv. Jason Vandenberg – Yes

Supv. Kevin Schuh - Yes

Vote: 4 Yes / 0 No Motion Carried.

11. ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION – None

12. CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS/DIRECT DEPOSITS

Motion by Supv. Tim Maass with second by Supv. Jason Vandenberg to approve Vouchers 32279 – 32314, Direct Deposit E-pay 10299-10332, with NO E-pay number 10306, Fire/EMS Building Voucher 1038, TID #1 Voucher 136, TID # 2 Vouchers 183 & 184.

Vote: 4 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

13. ADJOURN

Motion by Supv. Jason Vandenberg with second by Supv. Tim Maass to adjourn at 10:02 p.m.

Vote: 4 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

Colleen M. Laha