

Approved: 10/27/2021
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD
&
BUDGET WORKSHOP
Monday, October 11, 2021
6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL
W2004 COUNTY RD S, FREEDOM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INVOCATION, 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 and Supv. Kevin Schuh. Supv. Jason Vandenberg was present on zoom/phone.

Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Laha and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Billie Jo De Jong.

2. VERIFICATION OF POSTING AND APPROVE AGENDA

Posted on the 2 Boards at the Freedom Town Hall and on the Town website on the 7th day of October, 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. Tim Maass with second by Supv. Brandon Conrad to approve the agenda as posted removing Item 5 & 6.

5 Yea 0 Nay Motion carried: Yes

3. CONSIDERATION OF HIRING EMPLOYEES

Chairman Charles Kramer recommended hiring Jonathan Bradle from the previous employee interviews for the public works department.

Motion by Supv. Tim Maass with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to hire Jonathan Bradle with a wage of \$20.50, increasing \$1.00 to \$21.50 after he receives his CDL.

5 Yea 0 Nay Motion carried: Yes

The Town Board also discussed hiring a third public works employee. These two options were discussed: hiring a full-time employee to share job responsibilities between the parks and highway departments, or whether it would be more beneficial to hire a public works director/field worker who would split his time evenly between office and field time.

4. CONSIDERATION OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASE – TRACTOR/MOWER

A discussion was held about purchasing a new tractor with attachments as well as a new mower. The cost to purchase the tractor with attachments from Riesterer & Schnell is \$143,000.00 They offered \$58,650.00 for trade in value on the town's current tractor. So, the total cost of the tractor after the trade-in would be \$84,652.00. The cost for the Diamond mower was bid at \$18,643.46. After discussing all the options, the Town Board made a decision to purchase the Diamond mower from Riesterer & Schnell at a cost not to exceed \$18,750.00 and to postpone the purchase of a tractor for now.

5. TOWN BOARD WILL ADJOURN TO BUDGET WORKSHOP TO CONSIDER BUDGET INFORMATION SUBMITTED

Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Tim Maass to adjourn to Budget Workshop to consider Budget Information submitted.

5 Yea 0 Nay Motion carried: Yes

6. ADJOURN

Motion by Supv. Tim Maass with second by Supv. Jason Vandenberg to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

5 Yea 0 Nay Motion carried: Yes

Colleen M. Laha, Clerk/Treasurer