

Approved 2/23/2022

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021
6:00 p.m.
FREEDOM TOWN HALL
W2004 COUNTY RD S**

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

Town Board Meeting called to order by Chairman Charles Kramer at 6:04 p.m.

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

Also present:

Silent prayer.

Pledge recited.

2. VERIFICATION OF POSTING/ADOPT AGENDA

Posted on the 2 Boards at the Freedom Town Hall and on the Town website on the 10th day of December 2021 at 2:30 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 adopt the agenda as posted.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF 11/17, 11/29 MEETING

Motion by Supv. Jason Vandenberg with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to approve the minutes of 11/17/2021 and 11/29/2021 TOWN BOARD MEETINGS.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

4. PRESENTATION OF FIRST RESPONDER AWARD TO KATHY BROCKMAN

State Representative Jim Steineke presented Freedom First Responder Chief Kathy Brockman as the 5th Assembly district's recipient of the 2021 "First Responder of the Year" award.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Jeremy DesJarlais asked which tractor they were replacing. Charlie explained that it was the John Deere 6430 tractor which is twenty years old.

Amanda Hedtke questioned when roads get plowed. A discussion was held regarding the process of plowing during the snowstorm.

Lori Dallman from the Freedom Athletic Association is looking for concession stand plans for the electricians.

6. CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF TRACTOR FROM RIESTERER & SCHNELL NOT TO EXCEED \$66,025.00

A discussion was held about the tractor. Past employees, Jeremy DesJarlais and Jon Bradle commented that they did not think the town needed a new tractor. Current employee, Rick Fuss also commented that we didn't need a new tractor. Fuss said the tractor is fine and does not see a problem with it.

Motion by Chairman Charles Kramer to purchase a tractor from Riesterer & Schnell not to exceed \$66,008.85 was made. Motion died for lack of a second.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2021-06 APPROVING TERRITORY PROJECT PLAN AMENDMENT ONE FOR TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT NO. 1 AS A RESULT OF PUBLIC HEARING & PLAN COMMISSION MEETING ON 12/8
Brent Schuh discussed with the board details of the amendment.
Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to approve Resolution 2021-06 approving Territory Project Plan Amendment One for Tax Incremental District No. 1 as a result of Public Hearing & Plan Commission meeting on 12/8 pending Attorney Frassetto's final approval.
Vote: 3 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes Chairman Charles Kramer and Supv. Jason Vandenberg abstained
8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE FINAL PAY REQUEST FOR IEI GENERAL CONTRACTORS FOR VFW PARK RESTROOM RENOVATIONS, CONTRACT A-21 PROJECT
Motion by Supv. Jason Vandenberg with second by Supv. Brandon Conrad to approve the final pay request for IEI General Contractors for VFW Park restroom renovations, Contract A-21 Project for \$5,690.50.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR PAY REQUEST #1 FOR VAN ERT ELECTRIC FOR VFW PARK BALL FIELD LIGHTING, CONTRACT B-21 PROJECT
Motion by Supv. Jason Vandenberg with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to approve Pay Request #1 for Van Ert Electric for VFW Park Ball Field lighting, Contract B-21 Project for \$428,212.50.
Vote: 4 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes Supv. Tim Maass abstained
10. CONSIDERATION OF OPERATOR LICENSES – Tabled until next meeting.
11. CONSIDERATION OF FFA FUND RAISER AT VFW PARK 5/21/2022 - Deleted
12. CONSIDERATION OF POLL WORKERS FOR 2022-2023 ELECTION SEASON
Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to approve the list of poll workers for 2022-2023 Election Season.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
13. CONSIDERATION OF 2022 SUMMER HELP
Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Chairman Charles Kramer to approve hiring two summer help at \$12.00 - \$15.00 per hour. Supv. Jason Vandenberg and Supv. Kevin Schuh will do the interviews.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
14. CONSIDERATION OF ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE DIRECTOR
Motion by Supv. Jason Vandenberg with second by Supv. Brandon Conrad to start process for hiring an administrator/finance director with pay scale and full or part time to figure out at later date.
Vote: 3 Yea / 2 Nay Motion Carried: Yes Chairman Charles Kramer and Supv. Tim Maass opposed
15. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
Fire Chief Mark Green advised that the breathing apparatus has been ordered. Green also said that the new fire truck has also been ordered.
Green will work with public work employee, Rick Fuss regarding snow removal at the fire department.
Jeff Pollard has agreed to stay on as Emergency Management Director. Supv. Kevin Schuh will contact Jeff Pollard.

Public Works – Rick Fuss needs workers.

Supv. Jason Vandenberg told the board that more diamonds are needed, maybe purchase land adjacent to the VFW Park. Vandenberg is looking for a consensus to move on. Ken Jaworski of Cedar Corporation said grants are available.

Bill Kohrt asked about the legal drain. Supv. Brandon Conrad will have Attorney Steve Frassetto call him.

16. CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS/DIRECT DEPOSITS - None

17. 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, where competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Requested by Brandon Conrad)

Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Jason Vandenberg to 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, where competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay

Chairman Charles Kramer – Yea, Supv. Brandon Conrad – Yea, Supv. Tim Maass – Yea, Supv. Jason Vandenberg – Yea, Supv. Kevin Schuh - Yea

Motion Carried: Yes

18. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Supv. Tim Maass with second by Supv. Brandon Conrad to return to open session.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

19. ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE CLOSED SESSION - None

20. CONSIDERATION OF DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT FOR SCHMIDT PROPERTY - None

21. ADJOURN

Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Kevin Schuh to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

Transcribed from recording.
Colleen M. Laha, Clerk/Treasurer