

Approved 2/23/2022
TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022
6:00 p.m.
FREEDOM TOWN HALL
W2004 COUNTY RD S

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

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Brandon Conrad at 6:04 p.m.

Members present: Supervisor Jason Vandenberg, Supervisor Brandon Conrad and Supervisor Tim Maass. Chairperson Charles Kramer and Supervisor Kevin Schuh excused.

Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Laha and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Andersen, Attorney Steve Frassetto, Dean Zanon and Justin Keen 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 25th day of January, 2022 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. Jason Vandenberg to adopt the agenda as posted.

Vote: 3 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF 12/15, 12/27 & 1/12/2022 MEETING - Tabled

Motion by Supv. Tim Maass with second by Supv. Brandon to table consideration of Minutes of 12/15, 12/27 & 1/12/2022 meetings.

3 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

4. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION –

Resident asked Town Board if the Town Clerk could specify where the agendas are located at the posted places and why it isn't on the marquee in front of the Town Hall? Supervisor Brandon Conrad asked Clerk Colleen Laha if she could address; Deputy Clerk Jennifer Andersen stated that we have all we can do at times to fit all agenda items on one page, let alone specify where in each building the agendas are posted. If someone needs to know where they are, they can ask the clerk behind the counter. Regarding the marquee in front of Town Hall, it has always been posted, but due to the survey for the park, it was not put up this time as it would not fit on the board.

No other questions from the Residents were asked.

5. 5K FREEDOM RUN FOR LIFE – LISA VAN CAMP –

Lisa Van Camp gave the Town Board a map of the streets that would be used during the 5K run. The tentative day is April 30, 2022. Lisa also wanted to mention that the benefit is being held for David Beyer.

Supervisor Brandon Conrad stated that Lisa should contact Outagamie County Sheriff's Department to inform them and give them a copy of the route map and that the Board did not see any issues.

Another resident stated that she believes that day is the same weekend as the Freedom City-Wide Rummage-Sale.

6. CITIZEN PARK LIGHTS – TOM MURPHY –

Tom Murphy explained that the light posts at Citizen Park originally were purchased from a company in Florida. There are two damaged posts that need to be replaced. The light posts are very heavy, so the shipping is costly. Later this spring he will be traveling to Florida and is willing to bring back two of the light posts for the town if they would pay for the extra gas needed. The board advised Tom Murphy to work with the public works

employees and the clerk on getting the measurements and a check for the lights. It was suggested that we get a spare light post, so we have it in the future.

7. PLAN COMMISSION REFERRALS –

- a. CONSIDERATION & ACTION ON CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP APPLICATION; AUSTIN T VOSTERS & KEVIN D BOWERS; PIN 090-0366-06 (SOUTHEAST CORNER OF CTH S/MC HUGH RD INTERSECTION); MC HUGH RD
Motion by Supv. Jason Vandenberg with second by Supv. Tim Maass to recommend approval of Certified Survey Map Application; Austin T Vosters & Kevin D Bowers; PIN 00-0366-06 (Southeast corner of CTH S/Mc Hugh Rd intersection); Mc Hugh Rd with no conditions.
Vote: 3 Yes 0 No MC

- b. CONSIDERATION & ACTION ON CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP APPLICATION; DON O & NANCY GEHRING/ST PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; PIN 090-0881-00, 090-0885-00 (N2740 FRENCH RD), & 090-0887-00; FRENCH RD
Motion by Supv. Jason Vandenberg with second by Supv. Brandon Conrad to recommend approval of Certified Survey Map Application; Don O & Nancy Gehring/St. Peter's Lutheran Church; PIN 090-0881-00, 090-885-00 (N2740 French Rd), & 090-0887-00; French Rd
Vote: 3 Yes 0 No MC

- c. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDING FUTURE ROADS/STREETS ON TOWN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND OFFICIAL MAP - Tabled
Jeff Kussow explained that this was a discussion and possible action on amending the future roads and streets that are identified on the towns comprehensive plan future land use map and the official map.
Motion made by Supv. Tim Maass with second by Supv. Brandon Conrad to table until February meeting when they have copies of the map.
Vote: 3 yes 0 No MC

- d. DISCUSSION ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND EROSION CONTROL REGULATION IN THE TOWN - Tabled
Supv. Brandon Conrad stated that the discussion on stormwater management and erosion control regulation in the town should be tabled because this item was requested by Chairman Charles Kramer and he was unable to attend tonight's meeting.
Motion by Supv. Tim Maass with second by Supv. Brandon Conrad to table the discussion on stormwater management and erosion control regulation in the town.
Vote: 3 yes 0 No MC

- e. DISCUSSION REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL FUINDING)
Jeff Kussow explained that this was a discussion regarding correspondence from the DOT regarding the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding. Last week Wednesday the DOT sent out a letter just informing about their Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the increased funding for fiscal year 2022 through 2026. They are estimating about 1.3 billion increase over the next five years after that law passes, presumably they still need to get legislature approval for how that is allocated. Jeff Kussow went on to explain what would be needed for the process of applying for this funding. Application details have not been released. Cedar Corporation has identified Vine Road as a project that would meet the requirements for this funding. Cedar Corporation would recommend that Charlie Kramer and Tim Maass would contact Cedar Corporation to discuss this funding. Justin Keen also went on to explain that there is a lot of paperwork that needs to be completed and additional timelines with this type of funding. Dean Zanon also went on to say that we need to act on this fast. Zanon said Cedar was looking at this funding very favorable but could not guarantee anything.
The consensus of the Town Board was to move ahead with this project.

8. CONSIDERATION OF OPERATOR LICENSES

Motion by Supv. Tim Maass with second by Supv. Jason Vandenberg to approve operator licenses for Tabitha Gludemans and James O'Claire.

Vote: 3 Yes 0 No MC

9. DISCUSSION AND APPOINTMENT OF EMS DIRECTOR – Tabled

Supervisor Brandon Conrad asked about this, Deputy Clerk Jennifer Andersen stated that she was told by him to put it on the agenda, so she did. Supervisor Brandon Conrad said he forgot about this, and this will have to be tabled until next month and he will contact her.

Motion by Supv. Tim Maass with second by Supv. Brandon Conrad to table the discussion and appointment of EMS Director.

Vote: 3 Yes 0 No MC

10. DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF FOOD PANTRY AND TOWN HALL DOORS

After a brief discussion, Dean Zanon, from Cedar Corporation volunteered to give the board direction on whether our entrances to the Town Hall and Food Pantry are ADA Compliant and compliant with the Wisconsin Election Commission. Dean Zanon said their architects study the codes all the time, they could have an answer for you by tomorrow.

11. DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF CAMERAS AT THE TOWN GARAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Tabled

12. DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF PROGRAMMABLE LOCK FOR BATHROOM AT RICKERT PARK

Supv. Jason Vandenberg said the locks and the cameras were approved last year. The Clerk will check the minutes to verify if they were approved.

13. DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF SALT SHED IN OLD FIRE GARAGE

Public Works employee Rick Fuss explained that on nights and weekend they are unable to get salt. Rick had a discussion with Chairman Charles Kramer regarding using the old brick fire building as a salt shed. It was agreed that it would be a good option.

Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Tim Maas to convert the old fire building into a salt shed at a cost not to exceed \$3,080.00.

Vote: 2 Yes 0 No MC Supv. Jason Vandenberg Abstained

14. DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF SNOWPUSHER

Public Works employee Rick Fuss reported that he had tried the snow pusher and it worked well.

Motion by Supv. Tim Maass with second by Supv. Jason Vandenberg to approve purchase of a snow pusher for \$1,500.00.

Vote: 3 Yes 0 No MC

15. DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF OUTDOOR LIGHTING AT TOWN GARAGE –

Public Works employee Rick Fuss discussed that LED lighting was not needed inside the town garage. Rick stated that LED lights would be brighter, but there was plenty of light already. He also stated that outside in front there were no lights. Rick had asked the Clerk to contact Tom Fox to look at the outside lighting at the town garage but found out tonight that the previous employees had Rich Fox looking at the lighting. Rick Fuss will contact Rich Fox to get a quote on outside lighting.

16. DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF TIME CLOCK - Tabled

Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Tim Maass to table the discussion and consideration of time clock.

Vote: 3 Yes 0 No MC

17. DISCUSSION WITH SANITARY DISTRICT REGARDING BELL COURT & ELK LANE PROJECT –

The Sanitary District will go in and do the sewer pipe first. There will be some cuts across the road, but they will only be laying gravel down because the town will be pulverizing the road and repaving after the Sanitary district is done with their project on Bell Court and Elk Lane per Supv. Brandon Conrad.

18. DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF ROAD BIDS - Tabled

19. DEPARTMENT REPORTS –

Fire Department – Chief Mark Green stated they trained with their ice rescue equipment.

Highway Department – Public Works employee Rick Fuss stated the new trailer was working well. Rick informed Mark Green that the snowblower was going to be put in the Fire Station in next couple days.

20. CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS/DIRECT DEPOSITS

Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Jason Vandenberg to approve vouchers voiding 32446. 2 Yea / 1 Nay Motion Carried: Yes Tim Maass – Opposed.

21. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION PER WI STATS 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Requested by Brandon Conrad)

**Motion by Supv. Brandon Conrad with second by Supv. Tim Maass to move to close session at 7:22 p.m. 3 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
Brandon Conrad – Yea, Tim Maass – Yea, Jason Vandenberg - Yea**

22. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Supv. Tim Maass with second by Supv. Brandon Conrad to return to open session at 8:19 p.m. 3 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

23. ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION - None

24. ADJOURN

Motion by Supv. Tim Maass with second by Supv. Brandon Conrad to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. 3 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

Colleen M. Laha, Clerk/Treasurer