

**Approved 3/23/2022**  
**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 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 6:02 p.m.*  
*Members present: Chairperson Charlie Kramer, Supervisor Brandon Conrad, Supervisor Jason Vandenberg, Supervisor Kevin Schuh and Supervisor Tim Maass.*  
*Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Laha and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Andersen, Jeff Kussow, Dean Zanon and Justin Keen from Cedar Corporation.*  
*Supervisor Brandon Conrad led in the Pledge of Allegiance.*
  
2. VERIFICATION OF POSTING/ADOPT AGENDA –  
*Posted on the 2 Boards at the Freedom Town Hall and on the Town website on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 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.*
  
3. DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF SWIMMING POOL ORDINANCE –  
*Resident of Town gave the Town Board a couple examples of ordinances from other municipalities. Motion made by Supervisor Tim Maass with a second by Supervisor Kevin Schuh to amend the swimming pool ordinance to have it include "automatic safety cover" in accordance with Code ASTM F1346. The Town Board wants the Clerk to send this information to Attorney Steve Frassetto and have him amend the ordinance that he originally sent over in February.*  
*5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes*
  
4. DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF ROAD BIDS –  
*Motion made by Supervisor Tim Maass with a second by Chairperson Charlie Kramer to accept the MCC bid but not to exceed \$574,272.50 and not to put the final coat on Bell Court and Elk Lane until next year when everything settles over a winter from the Sanitary District project. MCC will come back next year and put the final coat on Bell Court and Elk Lane.*  
*3 Yea / 1 Nay / 1 Abstain Motion Carried: Yes*  
*Supervisor Jason Vandenberg Opposed, Supervisor Brandon Conrad Abstained*
  
5. DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF VINE ROAD –  
*Chairperson Charlie Kramer stated he received information for the same repair of Vine Road and the cost was \$300,000 for 3.5" and \$390,000 for 4.5", so where does the \$900,000 com in? He is also questioning why Vine Road is a collector road. Justin Keen from Cedar Corporation said his paperwork he pulled up stated it goes back being a collector road. Chairperson Charlie Kramer then asked about the bicycle lane, it goes nowhere. Justin Keen stated by eliminating the bicycle lane it will take feet off the asphalt pricing. Chairperson Charlie Kramer said it doesn't pay to keep a lane when it doesn't go anywhere and to just gravel the shoulder. Dean stated that if the project goes forward with the funding with Cedar Corporation and the grant, that they have more than this year to apply for the grant. They can always apply again next year. Chairperson Charlie Kramer said that the Town does not have a good track record when it comes to getting grants. After a lengthy discussion by Board Members the Town Board decided not to spend the extra money with Cedar Corporation and not to apply for the DOT grant since Vine Road is on the five-year plan for road repair.*

6. DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF PARKS –

*Chairperson Charlie Kramer said he drove by the park, and it does not look good and needs some work done. The blacktop needs repair, one of the basketball hoops is barely hanging on, the fence needs repair, the trees need to be trimmed and branches are laying on the ground.*

*Supervisor Jason Vandenberg informed Chairperson Charlie Kramer that the Highway Department has been notified but the employees that were notified have now quit and the new employees need to be brought up to speed. Chairperson Charlie Kramer said they should have a tree trimmer come in for the trees and Supervisor Brandon Conrad said why would we hire a prune guy to prune our trees, we don't hire an engineer to engineer our roads.*

7. CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS/DIRECT DEPOSITS –

*Motion made by Supervisor Tim Maass with a second by Supervisor Brandon Conrad to accept Voucher number 32501 and TID #1 Vouchers 140 through 143.*

*3 Yea /1 Nay/1 Abstain Motion Carried: Yes*

*Chairperson Charlie Kramer Opposed, Supervisor Jason Vandenberg Abstained*

*Motion made by Supervisor Brandon Conrad with a second by Supervisor Kevin Schuh to accept the wire transfer.*

*2 Yea /1 Nay/2 Abstain Motion Carried: Yes*

*Chairperson Charlie Kramer Opposed, Supervisor Jason Vandenberg and Supervisor Tim Maass Abstained*

8. BOARD CONCERNS –

*Chairperson Charlie Kramer asked about some properties going into septic and well versus sanitary. Jeff Kussow from Cedar Corporation stated that one of the properties in discussion a developer met with them that morning and is interested in the property as is. Chairperson also mentioned if Cedar is interested in more work Ludwig Street, that street needs work and Charlie doesn't have the answers for that road.*

*He also said he noticed on the highway from Rick Fuss that there has been a lot of money spent on the Kubota lately. Supervisor Brandon Conrad stated like previously discussed if there has been that much money being spent then they will need to look at purchasing a new lawnmower and trade-in some of the other ones.*

9. ADJOURN –

*Motion made by Supervisor Tim Maass with a second by Supervisor Brandon Conrad to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Jennifer Andersen,  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer*