

Approved 11/16/2022
TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
Monday, October 17, 2022
6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL
W2004 COUNTY RD S, FREEDOM

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge -
Meeting called to order by Chairperson Charles Kramer at 6:00 p.m.
Members present: Supervisor Kevin Schuh, Supervisor Brandon Conrad, Supervisor Jason Vandenberg and Supervisor Margo Fox.
Also present: Jennifer Andersen, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and Steve Frassetto, Attorney
Silent Invocation led by Chairperson Charles Kramer.
Chairperson Charles Kramer led 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 14th day of October, 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.
Supervisor Brandon Conrad made a motion to adopt the agenda. Chairperson Charles Kramer second the motion. Motion Carried.
3 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
Supervisors Margo Fox and Jason Vandenberg opposed the agenda.

3. Discussion & possible action of request by Chairperson Charles Kramer that all allegations be taken to Circuit Court –
Supervisor Jason Vandenberg made the motion to approve the request of Chairman Charles Kramer that all allegations be taken to circuit court, and direct the Town Attorney to proceed with such action under Section 17.13 (3) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Supervisor Margo Fox second the motion. Motion Carried.
5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

4. Discussion and possible action regarding possible ethics violation and possible misuse of Town funds involving a Town Supervisor –
Chairperson Charles Kramer read information regarding ethics violation in concerns to Supervisor Jason Vandenberg and his development.
Supervisor Jason Vandenberg stated prior to purchasing the land, he contacted Attorney Steve Frassetto and was assisted on how to proceed and has abstained on all agenda items regarding Country Fields development.
Chairperson Charles Kramer made a motion to have these ethics violations investigated by the District Attorney. No second to the motion, motion died.
1 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: No

5. Discussion and possible action regarding harassment complaint against a Town Supervisor –
Complaint reads: On October 5, 2022 filed with Colleen – I, Charles Kramer, am filing a harassment complaint against Supervisor Margo Fox. Signed by Charles Kramer
Attorney Steve Frassetto will look into, he said he received this information via email from Colleen Laha, Clerk/Treasurer. No motion is needed.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding possible open meeting violation on October 13, 2022 –
Chairperson Charles Kramer stated there was discussion going on during the Budget Meeting about an employee and it was not on the agenda. Approximately, 8:15 p.m., that night. Attorney Steve Frassetto will look into. No motion is needed.
7. CLOSED SESSION MOVE TO 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.
DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING EMPLOYEE ISSUES –
***Supervisor Brandon Conrad made a motion to move into close session. Chairperson Charles Kramer second the motion. Motion Carried.
5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes***
8. Return to open session –
***Supervisor Brandon Conrad made a motion to return to open session. Chairperson Charles Kramer second the motion. Roll Call was taken.
5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes***
9. Any action as a result of closed session –
None
10. Discussion and possible action on the current policy that designates the Town Chairperson as the sole individual that dictates the Town Board meeting agendas –
***Attorney Steve Frassetto stated this topic came up at last Thursday night's meeting, and he had a few suggestions for the Town Board and explained some options.
Supervisor Margo Fox made a motion to make a formal change for the policy and to how things are decided on the agenda, given that if two Board members request that if an item be on the agenda, that it is. And she would also like to see a stationary item at the end of every board meeting agenda to discuss future meeting agenda ideas. So that things from open session can be immediately addressed that evening and can be on the next meeting agenda. Supervisor Jason Vandenberg second the motion. Motion carried.
4 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes Chairperson Charles Kramer opposed***
11. Adjourn from Special Town Board meeting for Town Board to work on 2023 Budget –
***Supervisor Brandon Conrad made a motion to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. to work on the 2023 Budget. Supervisor Kevin Schuh second the motion. Motion Carried.
5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes***

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Andersen, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer