

**2024 BUDGET HEARING**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023 @ 5:30 PM**  
**FREEDOM TOWN HALL, W2004 COUNTY RD S**

*Present: Chairman Schumacher, Supervisor Fox, Supervisor Valley, Supervisor Borneman, Supervisor Schuh.  
Also present: Interim Administrator Diane Wessel, Town Administrator Justin Carlson, Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Andersen, and Deputy Clerk/ Treasurer Dana McHugh. Attorney Keith Steckbauer joined at 5:45pm.*

*Chairman Schumacher called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.*

*Administrator Justin Carlson presented the 2024 budget highlights.*

*Chairman Schumacher made a motion to adjourn at 5:53pm with a second by Supervisor Borneman.*

*Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes*

**2024 MEETING OF THE ELECTORS**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 2024 BUDGET HEARING**  
**FREEDOM TOWN HALL, W2004 COUNTY RD S**

*Present: Chairman Schumacher, Supervisor Fox, Supervisor Valley, Supervisor Borneman, Supervisor Schuh.  
Also present: Interim Administrator Diane Wessel, Town Administrator Justin Carlson, Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Andersen, Deputy Clerk/ Treasurer Dana McHugh, and Attorney Keith Steckbauer.*

*Chairman Schumacher called the meeting to order at 5:54pm.*

*Resident Glen Gonnering made a motion to accept the 2024 proposed budget as presented, with a second By Resident Mark Green.*

*Chairman Schumacher made a motion to adjourn at 5:54 pm with a second my Supervisor Fox.*

*Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes*

**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023**  
**ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET**  
**FREEDOM TOWN HALL, W2004 COUNTY RD S**

*Present: Chairman Schumacher, Supervisor Fox, Supervisor Valley, Supervisor Borneman, Supervisor Schuh.  
Also present: Interim Administrator Diane Wessel, Town Administrator Justin Carlson, Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Andersen, Deputy Clerk/ Treasurer Dana McHugh, and Attorney Keith Steckbauer.*

*Chairman Schumacher called the meeting to order at 5:55pm.*

*Chairman Schumacher made a motion to approve the budget as presents, with a second by Supervisor Valley.*

*Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes*

*Chairman Schumacher made a motion to adjourn at 5:55pm with a second by Supervisor Valley.*

*Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes*

**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023**  
**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BUDGET HEARING, MEETING OF THE ELECTORS, AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET**  
**FREEDOM TOWN HALL, W2004 COUNTY RD 5**

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE  
**Meeting called to order at 5:56pm by Chairperson Schumacher. Members present: Chairperson Justin Schumacher, Supervisor Kevin Schuh, Supervisor Linda Borneman, Supervisor Margo Fox, & Supervisor Chris Valley. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Andersen, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Dana McHugh, Interim Administrator Diane Wessel, Town Administrator Justin Carlson, & Attorney Keith Steckbauer. Chairperson Justin Schumacher 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 of November, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. by the Clerk's Office.**
3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ON 9/27/2023 AND 10/25/2023, JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING ON 9/28/2023  
**Motion made by Supervisor Borneman with a second by Supervisor Valley to approve the minutes of 09/27/2023 & 10/25/23 Town Board Meeting.**  
**Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes**
4. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION (maximum 15 minutes total)
5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10 – AMENDMENTS TO 2023 BUDGET with Adam Ruechel at Baird  
**Motion made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Borneman to approve Resolution 2023-10 as amended.**  
**Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes**
6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF CSM – Collins  
**Motion made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Schuh to approve proposed CSM 7632.**  
**Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes**
7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF APPROVAL OF RETAILER LICENSE – COLONIAL HOUSE  
**Motion made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Valley to approve the alcohol beverage retail license application for Colonial House.**  
**Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes**
8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF APPROVAL OF OPERATOR LICENSE – FINK and McHugh  
**Motion made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Borneman to approve the operator license for Nina L Fink & Carsten McHugh.**  
**Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes**
9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICE PROPOSALS  
**Motion made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Borneman to interview Kerber Rose, CLA, & Lauterbach & Amen.**  
**Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes**
10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – FOX CITIES DEVELOPMENT BOND
11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS –
  - a. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT
  - b. FIRST RESPONDER REPORT
  - c. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT
  - d. ATTORNEY REPORT
  - e. PLANNER REPORT
  - f. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

12. CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS/DIRECT DEPOSITS

***Motion made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Borneman to approve the vouchers / direct deposits.***

***Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes***

13. IDENTIFY FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – ATV Ordinance Update, Approval of Election Workers

***Past Ordinances***

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

***Motion made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Fox to go into closed session at 6:58 pm with attendees being the Town Board, The Town Attorney, and the Town Administrator.***

***Roll Call vote.***

***Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes***

15. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

***Motion made by Chairman to return to open session with a second from Supervisor Fox at 7:32 pm.***

***Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes***

16. ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

***Supervisor Valley made a motion to confirm that the Town Administrator's contract grants him the authority to manage all employees, including but not limited to all reasonable discipline which includes direction, correction, paid and unpaid leave, and termination, subject to any contractual or legal restrictions with a second by Supervisor Borneman.***

***Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes***

17. ADJOURN

***Motin made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Fox to adjourn at 7:35 pm.***

***Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes***

Dana McHugh, Deputy Town Clerk