

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025 - 6:00 p.m. - FREEDOM TOWN HALL - W2004 COUNTY RD S

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman Schumacher called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Members present: Supervisor Jennifer Tomazevic, Supervisor Kevin Schuh, Supervisor Linda Borneman & Supervisor Fox. Also present: Administrator Justin Carlson, Clerk/ Treasurer Dana McHugh, Town Planner Jeff Sanders, Town Attorney Keith Steckbauer, and Financial Advisor Adam Ruechel with Baird. Chairman Schumacher led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Confirmation of Proper Posting and Approval of Agenda
Posted on the Board at the Freedom Town Hall and on the Town website on the 25th of August 2025 by 9:00 AM by the Clerk's Office. Motion made by Supervisor Borneman with a second by Supervisor Fox to approve the agenda.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
3. Public Comment Period (Limited to 15 Minutes Total)
Terry Vandenberg – no way to run a meeting in regard to last month.
Betty Konkle – spoke in regard to the food pantry and read a letter written by Jay
Abby Newling – spoke in support of the Food Pantry
Mary Vanrossum – spoke in support of leaving the Food Pantry where it sits
Jacqueline Fentues – client and volunteer of food pantry
Doreen Jansen – They get make people who need volunteer hours
Terry Vandenberg – foolish idea to screw up the building due to the mechanical room
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 25 and July 23, 2025
Motion made by Supervisor Fox with a second by Supervisor Borneman to approve the June 25, 2025 Minutes
Vote: 4 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes - Supervisor Tomazevic abstains
Motion made by Supervisor Fox with a second by Supervisor Tomazevic to approve the July 23, 2025, Minutes
Vote: 3 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes Chairman Schumacher & Supervisor Borneman Abstain
5. Presentation: Tax Increment District (TID) Financial Overview – Presented by Adam, Baird
6. Discussion and Possible Action: Certified Survey Map (CSM) – Schuh Property
Motion made by Supervisor Borneman with a second by Supervisor Fox to approve the Schuh Property CSM with conditions from Town Planners recommendations.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
7. Discussion and Possible Action: Certified Survey Map (CSM) - Appleton/VanVreede Property
Motion made by Supervisor Borneman with a second by Supervisor Fox to approve the Appleton/VanVreede CSM with conditions town planner recommendations.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
8. Discussion and Possible Action: Rezoning Application – BelGioioso
Motion made by Supervisor Schuh with a second by Supervisor Borneman to recommend approval to Outagamie County the Rezoning Application for BelGioioso as requested.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
9. Discussion and Possible Action: Final Plat - Country Villa
Motion made by Supervisor Borneman with a second by Supervisor Tomazevic to approve the County Villa Final Plat.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
10. Discussion and Possible Action: Submission of Veteran Grave Care Reimbursement Request to Outagamie County
Motion made by Supervisor Fox with a second by Supervisor Schuh to approve sending in the Veteran Grave Care Reimbursement to Outagamie County.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
11. Discussion and Possible Action: Chapter 18 Subdivision Ordinance Amendments
Motion made by Supervisor Fox with a second by Supervisor Tomazevic to approve a public hearing for the recommended Chapter 18 Ordinance Amendments overseen by the Plan Commission at the October meeting.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
12. Discussion and Possible Action: Engine Braking Signage
Motion made by Supervisor Borneman with a Second by Supervisor Fox for DPW to work with Outagamie County on engine Braking Signs as needed.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
13. Discussion and Possible Action: Assessment of Future Space Needs for Town Facilities and Operations
14. Discussion and Possible Action: Amendments to Municipal Code - Chapter 5 (Animals Running at Large)
15. Discussion and Possible Action: Right of Way Ordinance
16. Discussion and Possible Action: Social Media and AI Policy

17. Discussion and Possible Action: Purchase of Badger Books and Additional Voting Booths
Motion made by Chairman Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Tomazevic to approve the Purchase of 5 Badger Books and the 16 new voting booths from Election Source at \$198.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
18. Review and Approval of Submitted Operator License Applications
Motion made by Supervisor Fox with a second by Supervisor Schuh to approve the Operator License list as presented
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
19. Discussion and Possible Action: Wisconsin Employee Trust Funds Health Insurance Resolution – Resolution #2025-03
Motion made by Supervisor Borneman with a second by Supervisor Fox to approve Resolution 2025-03 to allow Town of Freedom to participate in the Employee Trust Funds Health Insurance Program starting in 2026.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
20. Department Reports –
- Fire Company Report
 - First Responder Report
 - Highway Department Report
 - Attorney Report
 - Planner Report
 - Administrator Report
 - Park Committee Report
 - Outagamie County Sheriff's Department Report
21. Identify Future Agenda Items
- VFW Contract
 - Chapter 19 – Parks
 - Social Media Policy**
 - AI Ordinance**
 - Right of Way Policy**
 - Animal Ordinance**
 - Update on Cloud Permit**
22. Review and Approval of Vouchers and Direct Deposits
Motion made by Supervisor Borneman with a second by Supervisor Schuh to approve the Vouchers / Direct Deposits as presented.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
- Approval of \$13,255.65 payment for Freedom storage units (formerly Storage in Freedom, now Rogers Equity Group/Storage Lion) in accordance with the Developer Agreement.
Motion made by Supervisor Borneman with a second by Supervisor Fox to approve the \$13,255.65 payment for the former Storage in Freedom now Rogers Equity Group Property per the Developer Agreement. The Payment will be made upon the attorney getting written documentation back from each party.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
23. CLOSED SESSION—MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION PER WI STATS 19.85 (1) (e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session—KG FUTURES GROUP LLC (TID 3)
AND
(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Public Works, Administrator)
Supervisor Borneman made a motion to move to closed session at 8:11pm. Seconded by Supervisor Fox. Included in closed session will be Chairman Schumacher, Supervisor Tomazevic, Supervisor Fox, Supervisor Borneman, Supervisor Schuh, Attorney Steckbauer, Administrator Carlson, Adam Ruechel from Baird, DPW Foreman John Guadagni, & Keith Gonnering.
Roll Call Vote
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
Motion made by Supervisor Fox to return to open session at 9:52pm. Seconded by Supervisor Borneman. Roll call vote.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
Motion made by Supervisor Borneman to move Public Works Laborer Tom Lemmers to the Operator pay scale effective as of the next payroll cycle. Seconded by Supervisor Tomazevic.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
24. Adjourn
Motion made by Supervisor Borneman to adjourn the meeting at 9:55pm. Seconded by Supervisor Tomazevic.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes