

Approved 5-12-2010

TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 28, 2010
7:00 p.m.
FREEDOM TOWN HALL
W2004 COUNTY S

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Chairman Tim Maass, Supervisors Steve Lowney, Don Gonnering, Mark Rahmlow and Vernon Bowers.

Pledge recited.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING AND ADOPT AGENDA

Posted the 27th day of April, 2010 at the Town Hall at 11:45 a.m. Also posted at Freedom Mini Mart, Freedom Foods, Dairyland Depot and Shorty's One Stop.

Motion by Gonnering/Bowers to approve agenda with removal of item #11. 5 Yes 0 No MC

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF APRIL 14 MEETING

Motion by Rahmlow/Bowers to approve the minutes with addition of the motion and vote on posting the minutes to the website within 7 days. 5 Yes 0 No MC

OPEN FLOOR SESSION

Vernon Newhouse questioned whether the Town had done anything on a new developer's agreement to coordinate with the Sanitary District. Attorney will send a copy of what he has been working on.

Terry Vandenberg questioned whether anything was happening on the Tidy View incinerator. Board had no knowledge of anything happening at this time.

Mark Rahmlow told the Board that the lights on diamond #1 were changed in 2009 and Diamond #3 were replaced in 2010. These lights are changed during the winter months while the ground is solid for the lift truck. All lights on the pole are changed at this time and are good for about 5 years. This eliminates the constant running to change the lights individually.

Steve Lowney told the Clerk to place the salt shed and pavilion on every agenda until the projects are complete. He also stated that he thought the inside of the building should be acid washed and that would cost \$1,100.00. The doors will be placed on May 3rd or 4th and the ceiling by April 30th. Lattice is being placed on the rafters of the covered playground area to keep kids from climbing up there and then onto the roof and another light will be added to the area. Special meeting was planned for 9:00 a.m. on Friday April 30th at the Town Hall to cover these areas.

PLAN COMMISSION REFERRALS

- a. Consideration of Jim Van Boxtel Rezoning Request from Commercial to Single Family R-1
Motion by Gonnering/Lowney to recommend approval of the rezoning request for parcel #090-0256-00 from Commercial to Residential Single Family. 5 Yes 0 No MC
- b. Review Murphy/Griepentrog CSM App. #06-04-10-15
CSM reviewed. No action required.

SPRINGSTROH/ARPS DRAINAGE CONCERNS

Discussion held on the ongoing issues of drainage in the Weyers Rd. area. Geurts will have to have an approved drainage plan before he can begin building his house. Much of the drainage issue is caused by the water not being able to flow past the culvert on Weyers Rd. Town Engineer is contacting the DNR for options in this area.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR 2010 PULVERIZE AND PAVE PROJECTS

Bids were opened and recorded as follows:

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| MCC | \$714,323.35 |
| Northeast Asphalt | \$786,502.75 |
| County | \$737,569.14 |

Tabled to next meeting.

FIRE ORDINANCE, PERMITS & HANDLING OF LEAVES

Discussion held on different options. Yearly permit, No permits, Change in times for burning, longer hours at recycling center, pickup of leaves. Clerk will return to next meeting with breakdown on permits issued.

Motion by Rahmlow/Lowney to table until more information is available. 5 Yes 0 No MC

CONSIDERATION OF OPERATOR'S LICENSE

Motion by Lowney/Gonnering to approve Operator's license for Brittini J. VandeWettering and Sara A Bergsten. 5 Yes 0 No MC

DISCUSS CREATION OF TOWN FACEBOOK PAGE

Various types of social media were discussed – Facebook, Twitter, Nixle.

Motion by Rahmlow to approve a facebook page for the town. Motion died for lack of second.

DISCUSS USE OF PARK AREAS – This Item removed

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DISCUSS PAINTING OF ROOF IN TOT PLAY AREA AT VFW PARK

Motion by Gonnering/Bowers to approve \$4,520.00 to resteel the roof of the tot play area. Motion withdrawn by Gonnering/Bowers.
Lowney will request proposals to resteel the roof.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion by Lowney/Gonnering to approve a salary increase for Michelle Evers to work with the Public Works Dept. in the park for \$9.30 per hour. 5 Yes 0 No MC

Motion by Lowney/Rahmlow to approve the change in office hours closing on Friday's effective May 1, 2010. 5 Yes 0 No MC

Motion by Lowney/Gonnering to approve the donation of 10 cases (80 books) to the Historical Society. 5 Yes 0 No MC

Clerks and Public Works Director reports reviewed.

DISCUSS/REPORT ON VAN HANDEL REZONING

Van Handel rezoning was approved by the County Zoning Board and will be on the May 11 County Board agenda.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Geenen Lane – letter will be sent to all property owners inviting them to attend meeting on May 26.

Fire Board has the new contract for review

Developers Agreement for Sanitary District is being reviewed

ENGINEER REPORT

Reported on 2010 paving project.

CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS

Motion by Lowney/Gonnering to approve Vouchers #24147 to 24174 and DD #3253 to 3280. 5 Yes 0 No MC

ADJOURN

Motion by Bowers/Gonnering to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. 5 Yes 0 No MC

Barbara M. Seegers

Clerk/Treasurer