

Approved 6/10/2009
TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2009
6:45 P.M.
TOWN HALL
W2004 COUNTY S

CALL TO ORDER

Town Board meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chairman Tim Maass.

ROLL CALL Board members present: Chairman Maass, Supervisors Steve Lowney, Don Gonnering, Pam LaPlant and Gabrielle Radford. Also present: Clerk Barb Seegers, Atty Steve Frassetto and Engineer Steve Brueggeman.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING AND REVIEW/APPROVE AGENDA

I hereby certify that the agenda for the Wednesday, May 27, 2009 meeting of the Town Board was posted at the Town Hall on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 1:30p.m... Also posted at Dairyland Depot, Freedom Mini Mart, Freedom Foods and Marathon Gas Station. Revised agenda posted at 4:00 p.m. on May 26, 2009.

MOTION by Radford/LaPlant TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION PER WI STATS 19.85(1) (g)(e) to confer with legal counsel concerning the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Roll Call Vote Voting Aye – Maass, Lowney, Gonnering, LaPlant and Radford. Voting Nay – None Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to move to Open Session at 7:00 p.m. 5 Yes 0 no MC

PLEDGE – recited

ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION - None

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF 5/13 MEETING

Motion by Radford/Gonnering to approve minutes of May 13, 2009 as printed. 5 Yes 0 no MC

OPEN FLOOR SESSION - Nothing

DECISION ON LOCATION OF ROAD – GEENEN LANE

Motion by Lowney/LaPlant to place the road in the middle of the ROW unless opposite side property owners agree to deviate from center. Yes 4 No 1 (Maass) MC

Board will meet with property owners to review plans for the road. Engineer Brueggeman directed to update maps and costs for meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF OPERATOR'S LICENSE

Motion by Lowney/Gonnering to approve Operator's License for Christine Green pending Police Chief approval. 5 Yes 0 no MC

PLAN COMMISSION REFERRALS

a. Tidy View CSM App #04-05-09-12

Motion by LaPlant/Lowney to approve CSM App #04-05-09-12 for tidy View Farms. 5 Yes 0 no MC

b. Review & Recommendation to County on properties to be included in mass rezoning

Motion by LaPlant/Maass to approve the attached list of property rezonings to make existing land uses compatible with the comprehensive plan including a proposed CSM App # 05-06-09-15 OUN County E. 3 Yes 0 No 2 abstain (Radford & Lowney) MC

c. Action on Proposed Comp Plan Changes

Motion by Lowney/Gonnering to direct the Plan Commission to update land use maps in Comprehensive Plan to identify large farm areas and current zoning/use. 5 Yes 0 no MC

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PROGRESS REPORT ON TOWN HALL PROJECT/CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to paint 2 sides of the block building at a cost not to exceed \$700.00. 5 Yes 0 no MC
Board also questioned status of extended warranty on brick and Tyvek.

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO TOWN HALL PARKING LOT

Discussion held on the plans for drainage from the new addition, filling and grading.

Bids received: Badger Hwy - \$15,033.00, MCC - \$23,964.00 and NEA \$28,680.00

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to approve a bid of \$15,033.00 from Badger Hwy with condition that Keller deduct \$2,976.00 from the project for a final cost of \$12,057.00. 5 Yes 0 No MC

FIRE DEPT REQUEST FOR FIRE GARAGE UPDATES

Wm. VandeWettering explained to the Board what they would like to do in the fire garage including insulating and building lockers for the firemen. He was told to put together a list of what they were requesting and cost estimates for the board to review.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO COUNTY FOR UPGRADING OF COUNTY J

Motion by Lowney/Radford to request that the County transfer highway funds to upgrade County J to handle heavier traffic to alleviate some of the stress on both County J and VandenBosch Rd. caused by CAFO's and proposed BioDigester. 5 Yes 0 No MC Clerk will send letter to County.

REVIEW PLANS FOR RENOVATION OF VFW PARK PAVILION

Lowney reported to Board on preliminary plans for renovation of pavilion. He will work on the changes discussed and get preliminary estimates.

CONSIDERATION OF CRACK FILLING CONTRACT FOR 2009

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to approve Crack Filling Contract of \$15,000 to be used on roads chosen by Jeff Hirling and Charles Kramer. 5 Yes 0 no MC

CONSIDERATION OF DRIVEWAY REPAIRS FROM FIRST WATER PROJECT

Kramer submitted cost of \$3,310.00 to repair the driveways on Conrad St. & Liberty Lane. Engineer stated that these costs should be covered by contractor warranty but he has not received response from the contractor. Sanitary District will be contacted as they were the contract holder on the project.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Lowney/Gonnering to appoint Mark Donan to the police Commission and Len Abrahamson as interim Sanitary District Representative until Sanitary District appoints someone else. 5 Yes 0 no MC

CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION OF OFFICE INTERN HOURS TO COMPLETE ARCHIVING PROJECT

Motion by LaPlant/Radford to approve the hiring of Intern Michelle Evers for 20 hours per week until school starts back up to complete the archiving project. 5 Yes 0 no MC

REVIEW LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS – Complete list reviewed

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Lot grading issues and how they are handled in other communities discussed. Brueggeman will check and report back to Board for consideration of ordinance.

County E trail discussed. DOT stated the Town trail is at the top of their list but we have not received final approval yet.

Liberty Lane – Yard drain was not put in during water project. Connection and swale are there.

Liberty Lane at Park Avenue – blacktop has settled – manhole needs to be adjusted.

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ATTORNEY REPORT

Covered in closed session

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works - Kramer told the Board that all employees should take one day of work off per month with no pay to help bring costs down. He also stated that Finnegan's Ridge and Scenic View Estates need to have final blacktopping done and part of Finnegan's Ridge needs base coat.

Clerk – Historical Society Security System. *Motion by Lowney/Gonnering to approve monitoring system for Historical Society at a cost of \$264.00 5 Yes 0 No MC*

Parks Dept. – Lowney submitted report on prior night meeting.

REVIEW/APPROVE VOUCHERS

Motion by Gonnering/LaPlant to approve direct deposits #2518 - #2549 and vouchers #22404 - #25435 – not including #2531 - #2535. At a cost of app. \$63,359.18. 5 Yes 0 no MC

ADJOURN

Motion by LaPlant/Radford to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. 5 Yes 0 no MC

Barbara M. Seegers, Clerk/Treasurer

**TOWN OF FREEDOM
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**BOARD OF REVIEW WILL BE CALLED TO ORDER AND THEN POSTPONED TO A DATE
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