

**APPROVED**  
TOWN BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009

7:00 P.M.

FREEDOM TOWN HALL

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CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. Board members present: Chairperson Tim Maass, Supervisors Steve Lowney, Pam LaPlant, Don Gonnering and Gabrielle Radford. Also present: Clerk Barb Seegers, Adm Asst. Colleen Laha, Atty Steve Frassetto and Eng. Steve Brueggeman. Pledge recited.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Posted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Also posted at Freedom Mini Mart, Freedom Foods, Dairyland Depot and Shorty's One Stop.

Motion by Radford/Gonnering to adopt agenda as posted. 5 Yes 0 No MC

ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF PRIOR CLOSED SESSION – NONE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Lowney/Gonnering to approve minutes of 11/13 & 11/18 as presented. 5 Yes 0 No MC

OPEN FLOOR SESSION – None

MARK RAHMLow CONCERNING ADDRESS SIGNS REQUESTED BY EMERGENCY SERVICES

Rahmlow approached the Board concerning the town's plans to purchase address signs and suggested that they may want to look into a GPS system. Chairperson Maass told him that Greenville is currently doing research on the GPS systems and he has been discussing the issue with their Chairman. Other Board members noted that the current commercial GPS systems do not work in all areas of Freedom. Rahmlow asked if the Board would consider holding a public hearing to discuss the alternatives. Maass told him that they may consider that but had not gotten to that point yet. The Town is also waiting for results of a grant application that was submitted that would pay for part of the cost of the signs.

IRISHETTE REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR DANCE TEAM

Motion by Gonnering/LaPlant to approve a donation of \$480.00 for the Irishettes dance team to attend a competition in Minnesota. 5Yes 0 No MC

PLAN COMMISSION REFERRALS

a. Leap In Site & Drainage Plan

Motion by Lowney/Gonnering to approve the site and drainage plan for Leap In. 5 Yes 0 No MC

b. Update on Plan Commission Actions

Radford reported to the Board that the Van Handel/Gonnering rezone was contested at prior meetings.

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- c. Any Action on Comprehensive Plan as a result of Joint Town Board/Plan Commission Meeting  
Town Board will schedule another meeting with the Plan Commission to review the new designated areas.
- d. Review of County Action on VanHandel/Gonnering property  
Radford reported that the County Zoning Committee approved the Van Handel rezoning to Commercial but took no action on the Gonnering property. The Gonnering request was referred back to the Town for review of compatibility with Comprehensive Plan.

#### CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF GENERATOR FOR TOWN HALL COMPLEX

Lowney presented Board with options for the used generators for the town hall complex. Board members asked Lowney to research pricing on a new unit and also possible warranties on the used ones.

#### SENIOR CENTER

##### a. Consideration of lease for Senior Center

Bill Johnson, ERA Realtors presented Board with a preliminary plan for a senior complex on County E and asked the Board to commit to a senior center building in the complex. Board members noted that they are not opposed to the complex and will work with the developer on establishing a senior center in the building. Board members did not commit to putting up a building.

##### b. Consideration of budget/purchases for senior center

Discussion held on a sublease of approx. 850 sq. ft x \$100 per sq ft per month in the Freedom Pursuit building. The space will be leased for one year to determine public interest. Plans are to move in on January 15<sup>th</sup> if the space is ready. Attorney will leave dates on lease agreement open until exact dates are determined.

Motion by LaPlant/Lowney to approve the lease at \$850.00 per month. 4 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Gonnering) MC

Motion by Lowney/LaPlant to approve the purchase of TV & chairs for senior center at a cost of \$1,649.87. 4 Yes 1 No (Maass) MC

Motion by Lowney/Gonnering to authorize the remainder of the seniors 2009 budget to be carried over to 2010. 5 Yes 0 No MC

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to authorize the purchase of furniture and supplies for senior center at a cost of not to exceed \$2,000. 5 Yes 0 No MC

#### FIRE DEPT.

##### a. Consideration of Emergency Operations Plan

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to approve the updated Emergency Operations Plan. 5 Yes 0 No MC  
Board members will meet with Jeff Pollard, Emergency Operations Director, on Jan. 6 to review changes to plan.

- b. Discussion on written opinion of Fire Chief on fire service to Geenen Lane Residents  
Attorney will meet with Fire Chief concerning services to Geenen Lane residents.

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#### HIGHWAY DEPT.

- a. Consideration of Salt Shed Contract and funds transfer  
Motion by Radford/LaPlant to sign a contract for purchase of a salt shed at a cost not to exceed \$24,540.00. 5 Yes 0 No MC  
Motion by Radford/LaPlant to transfer funds for the salt shed from the soccer concession stand. 5 Yes 0 No MC
- b. Consideration/Discussion on plow truck purchase – tabled
- c. Consideration of County maintenance Contract  
Motion by Radford/LaPlant to approve County Highway Maintenance contract at a cost of \$1,200 per mile. 5 Yes 0 No MC
- d. Discussion on damage to Golden Glow Rd and Van Asten Rd by manure haulers  
Attorney will prepare letter to be sent to haulers concerning liabilities and weights.
- e. Clarification of prevailing wage for crack filling, seal coating and slurry sealing  
Engineer explained that prevailing wage is set according to individual jobs and not on a set wage basis.
- f. Posting of weight limits on Center Valley Rd from County E to State 55  
Board instructed Kramer to order and install weight limit signs – 80,000# on Center Valley Road from County E to State 55.
- g. Discussion on future of VandenBosch Rd.  
Don Gonnering stated that he would talk to property owners.

#### PARKS DEPT

- a. Sandy Daul to discuss future planning area – not present.
- b. Consideration of Peterson Landscaping Invoice for trees at park  
Motion by Radford/LaPlant to approve Peterson Landscaping bill for \$400.00 for trees in park with funds to be taken from the park maintenance budget. 5 Yes 0 No MC
- c. Consideration of proposal for replacement of fencing on Diamond #1.  
Motion by Radford/LaPlant to approve fencing for diamond#1 at \$17,700 with Town funding \$15,000 and Athletic Association funding balance. 5 Yes 0 No MC  
Motion by Radford/LaPlant to transfer \$15,000 from the trail fund to the fence. 5 Yes 0 No MC
- d. Consideration of proposal for playground equipment at VFW Park – tabled
- e. Pavilion – lights & headers above doors  
Motion by LaPlant/Radford to change lighting to LED and headers to wood. 5 Yes 0 No MC

f. Consideration of budget/proposals for remodeling at VFW Hall – tabled

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Public Works Dept report reviewed.

APPOINTMENT OF POLL WORKERS

Motion by Lowney/LaPlant to approve the list of poll workers presented by Clerk for the 2010 – 2012 election season. 5 Yes 0 No MC

CONSIDERATION OF OPERATORS LICENSE

Motion by Lowney/LaPlant to approve Operators License for Sandra L. Baumgart, Sandra L. Garvey, Holly M. Schampers and Kari L. Simons. 5 Yes 0 No MC

APPOINTMENT OF SANITARY DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE ON PLAN COMMISSION – tabled

ENGINEER REPORT – reviewed and discussed

ATTORNEY REPORT – reported on building warranty issues, ordinances, employee manual and developers agreement.

CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS AND DIRECT DEPOSITS

Motion by Lowney/LaPlant to approve vouchers #22786 to #22836 and direct deposits #2960 to #3016. 5 Yes 0 No MC

ADJOURN

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. 5 Yes 0 No MC

Barbara M. Seegers, Clerk

**JOINT MEETING OF TOWN BOARD AND PLAN COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, December 16, 2009  
6:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.  
FREEDOM TOWN HALL  
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**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. Board Members present: Chairman Tim Maass, Supervisors Steve Lowney, Gabrielle Radford, Pam LaPlant and Don Gonnering. Also present: Clerk Barb Seegers and Adm Asst. Colleen Laha, Planner Jon Bartz, Atty Steve Frassetto, Plan Commission members Robert Schuh, Mark Dollevoet, Jon Motquin, Dan Reinke, Len Abrahamson and Dee Spiegel.

**VERIFICATION OF POSTING AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Posted this 11th day of December, 2009 at 1:00 at the Town Hall. Also posted at Freedom Mini Mart, Freedom Foods, Dairyland Depot and Shorty's One Stop.

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to adopt agenda as posted. 5 Yes 0 No MC

**PLAN COMMISSION AND TOWN BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWED DESIGNATION OF LAND FOR COMMERCIAL USE ON FUTURE LAND USE MAPS**

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Barbara M. Seegers, Clerk

**TOWN BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, December 16, 2009  
5:30 p.m. TO 6:00 p.m.  
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CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. Board Members present: Chairman Tim Maass, Supervisors Steve Lowney, Gabrielle Radford, Pam LaPlant and Don Gonnering. Also present: Clerk Barb Seegers.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Posted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009 at Noon at the Town Hall. Also posted at Freedom Mini Mart, Freedom Foods, Dairyland Depot and Shorty's One Stop.

Motion by LaPlant/Radford to adopt agenda as posted. 5 Yes 0 no MC

MOTION by Radford/LaPlant TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION PER WI STATS

19.85(1)(g)(e)(c) to confer with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved concerning Geenen Lane; to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing/sale of industrial park lots, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business concerning the bidding for a salt shed, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction and exercises responsibility.

Voting Aye -Chairman Tim Maass, Supervisors Steve Lowney, Gabrielle Radford, Pam LaPlant and Don Gonnering

Voting Nay – None

Motion carried

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ADJOURN

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to return to Open Session and Adjourn at 6:10 p.m. 5 Yes 0 no MC

Barbara M. Seegers, Clerk