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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010  
7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL  
W2004 COUNTY S

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Town Chairman Tim Maass.

Present at meeting – 13 residents including current town board (Maass, Steve Lowney, Pam LaPlant, Gabrielle Radford, Don Gonnering, Barbara Seegers, Colleen Laha, Mark Rahmlow, Vernon Bowers, Ron Mashlan, Wm. VandeWettering, Jim Garvey and Dee Spiegel). Also present: Jack Voight who stated he would be running for County Executive; and Roger and Angie Griepentrog of the Freedom Pursuit.

PLEDGE was recited

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to approve the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimous Voice Vote

COMMITTEE /BOARD REPORTS

- a. Chairman's Report  
Tim Maass reported on the new town hall addition and the police dept. and that the project had come in under the \$500,000 budget set for the project.  
He reported that automated garbage collection was started in 2009 and that automated recycling collection would begin in 2010.
- b. Police Dept. Report  
Police Chief Jim Molloy presented his written report and reported on the activities of the Police Dept. and the increasing number of calls being handled by the Police Dept. (See attached report)
- c. First Responders Report  
First Responder Coordinator Kathy Brockman presented a written report and also reported on the activities of the First Responders in 2009. (See attached report)
- d. Fire Dept. Report  
Fireman Jim Garvey and Fire Board member Wm. VandeWettering presented the Fire Depts. written report.
- e. Park Committee Report

Town Board Supervisor Steve Lowney reported on activities in the park during 2009 to the present time. Budget included \$30,000 for playground equipment for the parks. Rickert Park received \$2,000 in new and updated play equipment. VFW park will also be getting a new playground setup at a cost of \$15,893. A new backstop and outfield fence was installed on diamond #1 at VFW Park and the Athletic Association shared in the cost of that project. Remodeling at the VFW Hall will continue this year with the two meeting rooms being insulated and drywalled. The town is also looking into updating the lean-to on the back of the VFW Hall. The new pavilion that town residents saved for over 10 years to rebuild should be complete for the first rental in early May. The plans for the salt shed that will be built on the Industrial Park side of VFW Park are being finalized and will go out for bids soon. Residents Jim Garvey and Wm VandeWettering questioned the placement of the salt shed in the park and not on the towns land on County E. It was explained that the planned area is in an unused part of the park behind the ball diamonds with access to Industrial Drive and should not affect anything in the park. Lowney explained that the reason for not moving it onto the town owned land on County E is because that area is set aside for a town hall/police dept./fire dept. complex for some time in the distant future. There is no plan drawn up and placing the salt shed in the wrong area now could cause more costs and problems with the design for the area in the future.

f. Highway/Public Works Dept. Report

Discussion was held on purchase of another truck and private contracting for snow plowing in the future.

Supv. Don Gonnering and Supv. Pam LaPlant told residents that the request for bids to pulverize and pave on the following roads has been publicized: Van Asten Road, Lau Road and Irish Acres Subdivision. The budget may not allow all of the roads listed to be done but that will be decided when the bids come in. Town will also be doing smear patching, crack filling and slurry sealing as needed.

Wm. VandeWettering told the board that nothing has been done on Van Asten Rd almost since that road was built. The shoulder is bad in some areas and two areas need immediate patching. Chairman Maass said he would check on those issues. Jim Garvey questioned whether the Public Works director is doing his job if Board members have to be constantly checking on things.

g. Plan Commission Report

Supervisor Gabrielle Radford explained to residents that the new Future Land Use Map has been approved and includes corridors to encourage business development in Freedom. She also noted that some zoning issues in town had been reviewed and corrected.

#### SET DEPOSITORIES FOR 2010

Motion by Wm. VandeWettering/Rahmlow to approve Chase bank and Capital Credit Union as town depositories. Motion carried unanimous

SET NEXT ANNUAL MEETING DATE & TIME

Motion by LaPlant/VandeWettering to set April 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time for the next Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimous

ANY QUESTIONS ON ANNUAL REPORT

Motion by Wm VandeWettering/Dee Spiegel to include more itemized wage report in the Annual Report. Motion carried unanimous

SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICERS

Town Chairman thanked outgoing Supervisors LaPlant and Radford for their service on the Town Board and led a round of applause for them.

Town Clerk swore in new Supervisors Mark Rahmlow and Vernon Bowers.

ADJOURN

Motion by Radford/LaPlant to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimous  
Barbara M. Seegers, Clerk