

**TOWN BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023  
6:00 p.m.  
FREEDOM TOWN HALL  
W2004 COUNTY RD S**

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE

*Meeting called to order by Chairperson Schumacher at 6:02 p.m. Members present: Chairman Justin Schumacher, Supervisor Kevin Schuh, Supervisor Linda Borneman, Supervisor Margo Fox, & Supervisor Chris Valley. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Andersen & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Dana McHugh & Interim Administrator Diane Wessel. Chairperson Justin Schumacher led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

2. VERIFICATION OF POSTING/ADOPT AGENDA

*Posted on the 2 Boards at the Freedom Town Hall and on the Town website on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 at 11:00 a.m. by the Clerk's Office. Motion made by Supervisor Margo Fox with a second by Supervisor Linda Borneman to approve the agenda with the removal of 6/28/2023 Minutes from #3.*

*Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carries: Yes*

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ON 3/22/2023, 4/26/2023, 5/24/2023, 6/20/2023 and 6/28/2023

*Motion made by Supervisor Kevin Schuh with a second by Supervisor Margo Fox to approve the minutes of 03/22/2023. Motion made by Supervisor Chris Valley with a second by Supervisor Margo Fox to approve the minutes of 04/26/2023. Motion made by Supervisor Kevin Schuh with a second by Supervisor Linda Borneman to approve the minutes of 05/24/2023. Motion made by Supervisor Kevin Schuh with a second by Chairperson Justin Schumacher to approve the minutes of 06/20/2023.*

*Vote: 3 Yea / 0 Nay / 2 Abstain Motion Carried: Yes*

4. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION (maximum 15 minutes total)

*Deputy Clerk/Treasurer is now a Notary for the Town of Freedom*

*Resident wanted to say great job to DPW staff on soccer parking park clean up and ask that toiletries (toilet paper, soap, and paper towel) be more accessible for weekends.*

*Resident expressed concerns regarding agendas and minutes on the Town Website.*

*Resident spoke in favor of funding for Town Administrator.*

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR APPROVAL OF VETERAN GRAVE CARE

*Motion made by Chairperson Justin Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Margo Fox to approve the reimbursement process for Veteran Care Grave Reimbursement.*

*Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carries: Yes*

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF CSM – ROBERT GREINER

*Motion made by Chairperson Justin Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Linda Borneman to approve the CSM for Robert Greiner that was approved at the July 12, 2023 Plan Commission Meeting.*

*Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carries: Yes*

7. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION OF OPERATOR LICENSE

*Motion made by Supervisor Kevin Schuh with a second by Supervisor Margo Fox to approve operator licenses for Anissa Brown, Ashley Brouchard, Amy Mathison, Navy Muchow, & Raj Nega Bhurtel.*

*Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carries: Yes*

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADOPTING WISDOT WORK ZONE FIELD MANUAL FOR TEMPORARY WORK ZONES WITHIN THE TOWN.

*Motion made to continue discussion on adoption of WISDOT Work Zone Field Manual contingent upon information from Mike Brown as to the cost it will take to completely to implement to comply with the laws.*

***It will be looked at for implementation within a 12 month period based upon what is available in the budget this fall. Motion made by Supervisor Margo Fox with a second by Supervisor Linda Borneman.***

***Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carries: Yes***

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LEGAL SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

***Motion made by Supervisor Chris Valley and second by Supervisor Linda Borneman to proceed with the RFP.***

***Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carries: Yes***

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEW DIRECTOR FOR FREEDOM FIRST RESPONDERS

***Motion made by Supervisor Linda Borneman with a second by Chairperson Justin Schumacher to accept Jodi Roskowski resignation as First Responder Director and appoint Rager Stanley as new Director.***

***Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carries: Yes***

11. CONSIDERATION & ACTION ON SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR THE FREEDOM BASEBALL CLUB WIFFLEBALL TOURNEY ON 8/18 FROM 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. AND 8/19/2023 FROM 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

***Motion made by Supervisor Linda Borneman to approve the Special Event Application for the Freedom Baseball Club Wiffleball Tourney and second made by Supervisor Kevin Schuh.***

***Vote: 4 Yea / 0 Nay / 1 Abstain Motion Carried: Yes***

12. CONSIDERATION & ACTION ON TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE FREEDOM BASEBALL CLUB FOR THE WIFFLEBALL TOURNEY ON 8/18 FROM 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. AND 8/19/2023 FROM 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. WITH MARGO FOX AS THE AGENT.

***Motion made by Chairperson Justin Schumacher to approve the Temporary Liquor License for the Freedom Baseball Club Wiffleball Tourney and second made by Supervisor Kevin Schuh.***

***Vote: 4 Yea / 0 Nay / 1 Abstain Motion Carried: Yes***

13. CONSIDERATION & ACTION ON SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR MURPHY'S SKUNK HILL –

July 29<sup>th</sup> – Car show – See both sides of application for details.

September 11<sup>th</sup> – Pony Pull - See both sides of application for details.

September 30<sup>th</sup> – Suicide Awareness Bike Run - See both sides of application for details.

***Motion made by Chairperson Justin Schumacher to approve the Special Event Application for Murphy's Skunk Hill for the 7/29/23, 9/11/23, and 9/30/23 events and second made by Supervisor Margo Fox.***

***Vote: 4 Yea / 0 Nay / 1 Abstain Motion Carried: Yes***

14. DEPARTMENT REPORTS –

- a. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

***Financing is signed and moving forward (August 1) in and final inspection is set for August 14<sup>th</sup> for the new truck.***

***Revised plan for new brush truck upfit – The Capital CU grant will not be awarded. We are now working on a Firehouse Subs grant. no update***

***Selling old engine in progress. Update, 7-18***

***No new info on radio grant or purchases. No update.***

***3368 repair bill, still waiting on a corrected bill. No update.***

***Has there been any recent discussion about financing the new engine? Confirm closing date for financing? Update 7-18.***

***Storm repairs update – the signed proposal was sent to Cardinal on June 2. Cardinal requested tax exempt document from town. Update, all is in place but unable to schedule yet. 7-18***

***Discussion on FD training complex. Update – project is under way, fence down making plans for concrete, 7-18***

***If there are maint. funds remaining at the end of the year I would like to have electronic access installed on the data room door. This will allow our IT provider to come and do work without someone being on site. A previous est was \$2500. No update***

***Need ok for renewal of virus protection. See quote from CNS. Update 7-18.***

***Status of swearing in?? Update 7-18.***

***June fire report- total calls ( 9 )***

*Fires – 1, rescue/ems-1, hazardous conditions – 4, good intent – 1, false alarm – 2,  
Mutual Aid given – 1, mutual aid received – 0  
Separate agenda items- zero*

b. FIRST RESPONDER REPORT

*Added a new responder to our squad. We are now up to 13.  
Continuing to look for creative ways to spend our grant money  
Freedom EMS has been approved/recertified as a Service Provider through the state.  
Changing service directors moving forward.  
Currently working on getting entire squad trained on using WARDs which is a reporting system  
through the state. It allows us to enter all calls in a formal manner that can be tracked at the state  
level.  
Waiting on credit card for making purchases easier*

c. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

*Better communication about MCC work timelines – should be administered through MSA  
Working on Center Valley Road, at the park, Holland Rd, French Rd, & Mary Joan Ct.  
Continued Park Vandalism and inquiring about cameras and when they will be installed and running.*

d. ATTORNEY REPORT

*Resolve TID  
CountryVilla final lift is in and they have paid their invoice so they are requesting final payment from  
the town  
Country Fields would like to meet with the board regarding their Developer's agreement*

e. PLANNER REPORT

*Special Exception permit for MCC – Plan Commission & Town Board August Meetings  
Country Fields adding Lot #2  
3 lot line adjustments*

f. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

*Working on Candidates for Administrator Position; recruiting & interviewing  
Country Fields Partners Meeting and explain we are waiting on the audit*

15. CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS/DIRECT DEPOSITS

*Motion made by Supervisor Margo Fox and second made by Chairperson Justin Schumacher to approve the  
vouchers/direct deposits.*

*Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Carried: Yes*

16. MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION PER WI STATS 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or  
performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or  
exercises responsibility. (Administrator Position)

*Motion made by Chairperson Justin Schumacher and second by Supervisor Margo Fox to move to closed  
session at 7:07 p.m.*

*Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Carried: Yes*

17. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

*Motion made by Chairperson Justin Schumacher and second by Supervisor Margo to return to open session at  
8:02 p.m.*

*Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Carried: Yes*

18. ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

*Motion made by Chairperson Justin Schumacher with a second by Supervisor Chris Valley to direct the Interim  
Administrator to conduct negotiations with the candidate as discussed in closed session.*

*Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Carried: Yes*

19. IDENTIFY FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

*Department of Public Works would like Snowplow attachment to be discussed at next month's meeting.  
Agenda Item #8 – the WISDot Workzone Field Manual.*

20. ADJOURN

***Motion By Supervisor Linda Borneman with a second by Supervisor Chris Valley to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.  
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Carried: Yes***

Dana McHugh, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer