

**2024 BUDGET HEARING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024 @ 5:30 PM
FREEDOM TOWN HALL, W2004 COUNTY RD S**

Present: Chairman Schumacher, Supervisor Fox, Supervisor Valley, Supervisor Borneman, Supervisor Schuh.

Also present: Town Administrator Justin Carlson, Adam Ruchel with Baird, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rachel Kolocheski, and Clerk/ Treasurer Dana McHugh. Attorney Steckbauer arrived at 5:45pm. Officer VanBeek arrived at 5:48pm.

Chairman Schumacher called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrator Justin Carlson presented the 2025 budget highlights.

Supervisor Borneman made a motion to adjourn at 5:51pm with a second by Supervisor Fox.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

**2024 MEETING OF THE ELECTORS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 2025 BUDGET HEARING
FREEDOM TOWN HALL, W2004 COUNTY RD S**

Present: Chairman Schumacher, Supervisor Fox, Supervisor Valley, Supervisor Borneman, Supervisor Schuh.

Also present: Justin Carlson, Clerk/Treasurer Dana McHugh, Deputy Clerk/ Treasurer Rachel Kolocheski, Adama Ruchel with Baird, Attorney Keith Steckbauer, and Officer VanBeek.

Chairman Schumacher called the meeting to order at 5:52pm.

Resident Glen Gonnering made a motion to move forward with the allowable Levy Limit as \$2,769,482 and adopt the budget, which creates a mill rate of \$5.04, with a second by Resident Mark Green.

Vote: 4 Residents and 5 Board Members Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

Supervisor Borneman a motion to adjourn at 5:57 pm with a second my Supervisor Fox.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

Chairman Schumacher re-opened the meeting at 6pm.

Supervisor Valley made a motion to approve Resolution2024-14 Adopting the 2025 Budget with a levy limit of \$2,769,482 with a second by Supervisor Borneman.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

Supervisor Valley made a motion to adjourn at 6:02 pm and Supervisor Fox made a second.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024
6:00 p.m.
FREEDOM TOWN HALL - W2004 COUNTY RD S

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE
Chairman Schumacher called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Members present: Chairman Justin Schumacher, Supervisor Margo Fox, Supervisor Linda Borneman, Supervisor Chris Valley, and Supervisor Kevin Schuh. Also present: Administrator Justin Carlson, Deputy Clerk/ Treasurer Rachel Kolocheski, Clerk/ Treasurer Dana McHugh, and Town Attorney Keith Steckbauer. Chairman Schumacher led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. VERIFICATION OF POSTING/ADOPT AGENDA
Posted on board at the Freedom Town Hall and on the Town website on the 20th of November 2024 by the Clerk's office. Motion made by Supervisor Fox to adopt the agenda, Seconded by Supervisor Borneman.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING ON 10/23/24
Supervisor Borneman made a motion to approve the 10/23/24 meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Valley.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
4. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION (maximum 15 minutes total)
5. PRESENTATION AND QUESTIONS REGARDING QUARTER 3 FINANCIAL UPDATE – ADAM RUECHEL WITH BAIRD
6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EVERGREEN LANE PAY APPLICATION
Supervisor Borneman made a motion to approve the Evergreen Lane Pay Application. Seconded by Supervisor Schuh.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DIAMOND 4 SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL
Supervisor Fox removed herself from the discussion as a Board Member due to conflict of interest.
8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FIRE COMPANY BRUSH TRUCK PURCHASE
9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REZONING – FOX MEADOWS SUBDIVISION
Supervisor Borneman made a motion to approve re-zoning of Freedom Rings to Fox Meadows. Seconded by Supervisor Schuh.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
10. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF PROPOSED CSM – POWERS
Supervisor Valley made a motion to deny CSM Powers as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Borneman.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TOWN OF CENTER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OPERATOR LICENSE – ADAMSKI
Supervisor Borneman made a motion to approve operator license for Jamie Adamski. Seconded by Supervisor Valley.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT CONTRACT – FOX CITIES DEVELOPMENT
Supervisor Valley made a motion to approve the Development Agreement. Seconded by Supervisor Borneman.
Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes
14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDED TIF #1 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – FOX CITIES DEVELOPMENT

Supervisor Valley made a motion to approve the TIF#1 Development Agreement. Seconded by Supervisor Schuh.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADDRESS/FIRE SIGN POLICY

16. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE #2024-08 - TAX REFUND ORDINANCE

Supervisor Borneman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-08. Seconded by Supervisor Fox.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

17. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDING VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT POLICY

18. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SPEED STUDY ON FRENCH ROAD TO CHANGE SPEED LIMIT

19. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FOX VALLEY HUMANE ASSOCIATION

20. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POSITION

21. DEPARTMENT REPORTS –

- a. FIRE COMPANY REPORT
- b. FIRST RESPONDER REPORT
- c. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT
- d. ATTORNEY REPORT
- e. PLANNER REPORT
- f. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
- g. PARK COMMITTEE REPORT
- h. OUTAGAMIE COUNTY POLICE DEPT

22. IDENTIFY FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – #7, #8 (with a CIP Amendment), #11, #15, #17, #18, #19

23. CONSIDERATION OF VOUCHERS/DIRECT DEPOSITS

Motion made by Supervisor Borneman to approve vouchers as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Fox.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

24. 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. (2025 wages/benefits)

Motion made by Supervisor Borneman to move to closed session at 8:17pm. Seconded by Supervisor Valley. Roll call vote.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

25. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Supervisor Borneman made a motion to return to open session at 9:34pm. Seconded by Supervisor Valley. Roll call vote.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

26. ANY ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

Supervisor Valley made a motion to approve a 3% cost of living increase to the entire wage scale, as well as a step increase for all employees active for at least 6 months. Seconded by Supervisor Borneman.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes

27. ADJOURN

Motion made by Supervisor Valley to adjourn the meeting at 9:37pm. Seconded by Supervisor Borneman.

Vote: 5 Yea / 0 Nay Motion Carried: Yes