

Town of Freedom
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 19, 2021

Board Members Present: R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks
& Supervisor Randy Lester

Other Officials Present: Highway Superintendent Jim Haggerty, Planning Board Member
John Brown, & Dan Meyers, Dog Control Officer Denise Willard, Court Clerk Gill
Koerner and Constable Rob Harrington.

Others: 9

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Randy Lester

I. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by Supervisor Randy Lester

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

A) Town Board Meeting – Monday, March 15, 2021

A motion was made by John Hill to accept the Meeting Minutes as submitted.
Seconded by Dustin Bliss.

Roll call: Ayes-5: R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A) Security Cameras and keyless entry: Councilman R. Nick Morgan shared a paper with the breakdown of prices from a couple different vendors. DFT Security quote that was provided by the Justice grant came in over all the lowest cost. Councilman Dustin Bliss asked what the Cattaraugus Boces would provide. Nick recommends that Boces comes in and rewire the building for technology, for the computers and for the printers, to get the town more modernized. Dustin asked if that would be on top of the cost of the other. Nick said it would be on top, but it is not necessary for it to happen, it could potentially eliminate some issues we have. Dustin asked how much would Boces have to do. Nick stated it take two days with two guys, at \$75.00 an hour. They would have to wire, there is nothing in place for them to work off. Nick would have them come out and take a walk the job and provide quotes, if the town wants to go this route, the town will also have to sign a shared service agreement. Dustin asked what that entail. Nick said it is a formality what is expected of them. Dustin stated he would like to put in the additional equipment that the Justice and Court Clerk have suggested cameras, and access controls because our equipment is outdated. He said in the past we have ran into an issue with keeping out record secure, it seems like a lot of money, but we have responsibilities as Town Government to keep the property secure and

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maintain the records. Nick explained what the access entry is a fob that everyone would have to strike to get in. Councilman John Hill asked Nick if the system keeps a record of who is coming in, when and where? Nick stated yes. Nick noted that out in the highway area, they would have to replace all the man doors because they are not in good condition for door access. John asked how much more. Minimum it be \$800-\$1000, if not \$2000, there are 4 doors, Nick said that should be planned on for next year.

Dustin Bliss made a resolution to except the quote for DFT security. John Hill seconded it.

John wanted to thank Court Clerk Gill Koerner and Nick Morgan for all their hard work, we appreciate it.

Roll Call: Ayes-5: R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks & Supervisor Randy Lester

- A) Junk Yard law: Town Clerk Mindy Holland had found that Ron Preivity had discussed the junk yard licensing with the Town Board back in 2016. The board put a moratorium on the new license until the Planning Board has a chance review existing laws governing junk yard metal processing. Councilman Geoff Milks stated that the Planning Board spent a couple of hours going through the law looking at the New York State law. Planning Board Member John Brown told the board that they spent an evening looking though the law, reading the law we currently have. John Brown said it covers 95% of the stuff that goes on in the town. The fact of having it enforced goes back to the Town Board, who is going to tell people they have too much junk on their property. The Planning Board looked at the law that the town has, and they can change it, even more compliant. John Brown said we are close to the New York State law, but there are a few exceptions. The law can be made stricter. John Brown stated the big question is what exactly is someone looking for? John said that what is in the Planning Board Minutes regarding the numbers, is all interchangeable for everything, because if you go full with the State law, they talk about registered vehicles they want a number. They talk about what's unregistered, they also talk about say for example someone has two snowmobiles next to his house, they count, especially if your only aloud four outside, the two snowmobiles count, plus a husband's vehicle and wife's vehicle. John Brown said that he agrees with the stuff the Planning Board added to it, they compared State law with the Town Law. He stated that it comes down to enforcement. Councilman John Hill said as for enforcement the Town Board would want to make it so that we enforce it equally. John Hill said the hard part is if a neighbor makes the complaint against their neighbor. John Brown said when the Town Board sees the Planning Board Minutes the Town Board will control the number of each vehicle of each type. This is

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taken out of State law and State law is all blank. The Town Board fills it in based on how they feel that works for the Town. The Planning Board put in random numbers. John Hill said he feels if the vehicles are registered then you can have as many vehicles in your yard as you want. The law that was wrote for the town years ago does not provide what is being asked for. If someone has a full building with 70 cars in the building that is fine, but if you have 6-8 cars sitting in a field that is not aloud depending how many cars are aloud unregistered. Ron Previty said if the Town uses the General Municipal Junk Laws, and the Town does not give someone a permit then the DEC will get on them. John Brown said not knowing specifically, what the Planning Board gave to the Town Board is more data and they feel its really strong, it may upset a lot of people. It will depend on how the Board wants to regulate. John Brown said it comes down to enforcement, if someone has 12 vehicles all spread in the yard, they are in violation now. John Brown stated if a resident that is not complying to the law the town has in place, or if the individual is not meeting to the standards how can he do this, this resident does not have a license, Ron has a license. Ron feels if he must comply with, he is licenses and is doing all the paperwork, then someone having a lot of unregistered vehicles should too. Councilman Dustin Bliss stated that we should not have a nuisance with stuff piling up. John Brown stated again that after lots of review of the State law and the Town law it comes down to enforcement. John Hill said how do we get to the point of enforcing the law. Dustin stated that it may get to the point the Building Code Officer can issue tickets, he feels it falls more in the Building Code Officer roll then the Constables. Ron told the board that all this started because the board wanted to make a law about digging under the road to put a pipe across, his point is you have laws that you do nothing with. Dustin stated that the board needs to discuss this further, they need to set a limit on somethings, if something is registered, like a four-wheeler, snowmobile, car there should be no limit on it. Dustin stated when it comes to unregistered vehicles then it can become an issue, car parts there should be no reason for them to be laying outside, there should be a limit on the number of tires. Dustin stated that lawn mowers sitting in the bushes or old farm equipment could be an issue. John Brown said that there is a State exemption with farm equipment, and mowers, it can sit there for years and you can't do a thing. John Hill asked don't the person have to be a farmer to get the exemption, he said that's where he draws the line, if a guy buys property and has a bunch of garbage tractors on it, he does not feel they should be exempted unless they are making most of their income from being a farmer. John Brown said the way the law is wrote they can leave farm equipment in the field for years. John Brown told the board that the Planning Board has been looking at this law for four months. John Brown went on to say Ron is registered as a business, but there is verbiage in the law where the Town does not have to issue a Junk Yard permit. Ron stated if the Town do not want to, they can have the State issue the permits. John Brown told the

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board that the Planning Board added stuff from the State law. John Hill suggested that all board members look over the State law and the Town Junk Law and then at the May 17 meeting they can discuss what number they would like to put in the law and also see if Building Code Inspector Pat Cummins, or both Constable Rob Harrington and Pat enforce the laws. Town Clerk Mindy Holland told the Town Board that she had read the General Municipal law and the Town Junk Yard, in the General Municipal Law there are two templates, one is Junk Yard Law, and one is Junk Storage Law, comparing the Towns law to just the Junk Law the Town copied almost for verbatim. John Brown read Section 5 of the Town Junk Law, the Code Enforcement Officer, or any police or peace officer of the State of New York, Deputy Sheriff or any person appointed by the Town Board to enforce provisions of law. Then he read Section 8 of the Town Law, this local law maybe enforced by the Building Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Freedom, or duly appointed Constable of the Town of Freedom, or a duly appointed peace officer with jurisdiction within the Town of Freedom. Said person shall enforce the provisions of this law to inspect premises within the township as necessary for said enforcement. Then in the same section it goes on to talk about written complaints, procedures. John Brown said it comes down to enforcement. Geoff stated it sounds like its there we just are not enforcing it. Dustin stated the Board needs to look at the Planning Board meeting minutes, review them, and have a work session at 6:00 pm on May 17, before the next meeting, then propose a new law at the next Town Board Meeting.

Dustin Bliss made a motion to have a work session prior to the Next Town Board Meeting at 6:00 to discuss the Junk Yard Law. Seconded by John Hill

Roll Call: Ayes-5 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester

- B)** Playground fence: Councilman Dustin Bliss said that he thought the town would get bids from companies to fix what needed to be fix and take down what they did not want. The fence between the shelter and the park was talked about being taken down. The one along the church parking lot, and along the road they would have fixed. Councilman John Hill said yes, they talked about leaving the poles between the building and the playground and take down the fence. The one the playground and the ballfield would be kept, as well as the fence that was between the church and the ball field, because of safety concerns. The fence that between the ball field and the church is the biggest mess. Dustin said he will work with some venders and get some quotes for the May board meeting.

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- C) Emergency plan per the State: Town Clerk Mindy Holland gave a copy of the template the State provided for towns to fill in. Mindy said that the board will have to fill in certain parts of this plan. Councilman Dustin Bliss stated that the board will have to a work session to fill what is required.

A motion was made by John Hill to have a work session on May 3, at 7:00 pm to work on the Emergency Plan. Seconded by Dustin Bliss.

Roll Call: Ayes-5, R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester

- D) Planning Board resume: Supervisor Randy Lester stated that three individuals had applied.

John Hill made a motion to close the board meeting at 7:55. Seconded by R. Nick Morgan.

Roll Call: Ayes-4 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, John Hill
& Supervisor Randy Lester
Nay-1 Geoff Milks

John Hill made a motion to go into executive session at 7:55. Seconded by Dustin Bliss.

Roll Call: Ayes-4 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, John Hill,
& Supervisor Randy Lester
Nay-1 Geoff Milks

A motion was made by Dustin to reopen the Board meeting at 7:58. Seconded by John Hill.

Roll Call: Ayes-5 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester

Dustin Bliss stated that the Town Board selected Lyle Morgan for the Town Planning Board.

John Hill made a motion appoint Lyle Morgan to the Town Planning Board. Seconded by Dustin Bliss.

Roll Call: Ayes -4 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester
Abstain-1 R. Nick Morgan

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- E) Mowing resume: Councilman John Hill and R. Nick Morgan interviewed people on May 15. They had four resumes and only three people showed up for the interview. John said they were looking at experience, what training the person would need, what experience that have had in mowing. John said their first choice was Matt Haggerty and the second choice was Lawrence Keck, John said that they also discussed salary. Nick and John feel it should be \$15.00 an hour. It's because Matt and Lawrence have experience, Matt has experience her in the Town. Nick stated that was based on a 20–24-hour work week. They figured going from \$12.50 and hour to \$15.00 over a course of 9 months would be \$950.00 more for the Town. They wanted someone with experience who will handle the town equipment.

John Hill made a motion to hire Matt Haggerty for the mowing of the Town properties for \$15.00 an hour. Seconded by Dustin Bliss.

Roll Call: Ayes -5 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, John Hill Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester

- F) Code of ethics, and Comprehensive plan: Town Clerk Mindy Holland explained that after the last meeting she had reached out to the Association of Towns. If the Board wants a new Code of Ethics, they will have to repeal the law that's already existing, then make a new law, or the Board can repeal the law and adopt it by resolution. It's the same with the Comprehensive Plan. The March Board meeting the board approved the Cattaraugus County Comprehensive plan. The Board will have to appeal the Comprehensive Plan law that is on the books. Then they can adopt the County Comprehensive plan by resolution. Councilman Geoff Milks asked if the Board is happy with the Code of Ethics, do they need to repeal the law. Mindy stated no, but it should be reviewed yearly. Councilman Dustin Bliss stated with the Comprehensive plan, he understands that they will have to change it if they have an objective for funds the Town want to apply for, at this point there is nothing the Town is applying for. Dustin said they can alter it to say what they want right now but in a year from now if they want to apply for a grant they would have to revisit. Planning Board Member John Brown stated that New York State says the Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated every twenty years. The town comprehensive plan should coincide with the county. That way you can bounce it back to the county with all the legal fees you have to go through. Councilman John Hill stated not to do anything with the code of ethics at this time but update the comprehensive plan. The board asked to get a law for the next meeting to repeal the comprehensive plan.

Dustin Bliss made a motion to keep the existing Code of Ethics that the Town of Freedom has. Seconded by John Hill.

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Roll Call: Ayes-5 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
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- G) Dog Law:** Councilman Dustin Bliss stated that there needs to be a public hearing at the May board meeting.

Dustin Bliss made a motion to have a public hearing on Local Law 2 of 2021, a Local Law Relating To The Licensing, Control, Confining And Leashing Of Dogs In The Town Of Freedom And Repealing Local Law 1-2001 (“Dog Control Law Of The Town Of Freedom”), 1-2007 (Amending Local Law 1-2001, “Dog Control Law Of The Town Of Freedom”), 1-2010 (“The Dog Licensing Law”. Also Amending Local Law 1-2001, “The Dog Control Law Of The Town Of Freedom”) And 1-2014 (Amending And Redacting Local Law 1-2010, “The Dog Licensing Law.” Also Amending Local Law 1-2001, “The Dog Control Law Of The Town Freedom”) on May 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Seconded by John Hill.

Roll Call: Ayes -5 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester

- H) Natural Disaster emergency plan:** Mindy is waiting on one more Fire company for their info. Hopefully by May Meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Porta potty at the Sandusky Park:** Zeuches was \$100.00 a month and Blue moon is \$85.00 a month, both give service once a week.

Dustin Bliss made a motion to use Blue Moon porta potty this summer at the Sandusky park. Seconded by Geoff Milks.

Roll Call: Ayes- 5 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks
& Supervisor Randy Lester

- B) Assessor Kate Harrington** would like to know how the Town Board would like Grievance day handled. Councilman Dustin Bliss stated that after he read Kates monthly report, he chooses to keep it the way it’s always been done, people can wear mask and sit 6 feet apart. The board agreed on in person. Donnis Morgan asked if this is in front of everyone or just the Assessor. Supervisor Randy Lester said the Assessor, the three people on the Grievance Board, he stated he believes it is a public meeting. Randy attended it last year. Dustin said that he thinks you can meet with the Assessor in private, then they have a form to fill out to contest the assessment. Donnis said they had already done that; she had not heard

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back from the assessor. The Assessor is at the Town Hall Thursdays 1:00 pm- 4:00 pm

- C) Contract on Shared Highway: The board will read this and discuss this at the May 17, meeting.
- D) Highway Superintendent Jim Haggerty would like buy trees, they have done lots of bulldozing at the gravel pit, they rolled it today, he thinks it look nice with a couple rows of trees along the back. Jim talked to Domes if the Highway plants them, a 5–6-foot tree, it would cost \$60.00 per tree, they would need 29 trees. Councilman John Hill asked what kind of tree. Jim said it be a Blue Spruce. Supervisor Randy Lester asked if they would be putting them far back. Jim said yes, they be way back, close to the pit, they reclaimed the lot last year. Councilman Dustin Bliss said it would look nice, but he does not want to do it. It was suggested to ask the DEC for trees. Councilman John Hill said he has no problem with planting trees, he just doesn't want to pay that much pre tree.

V. Public Comment:

Gary Chamberlain: He stated he has an on-going problem with dogs running loose on his property. This has been going on for years, he has 120 pictures of his dogs running loose on his property. They were loose on February 23; he did not do anything at the time because he did not know if the board had a Dog Control Officer. They were running loose in March, He called the Dog Control Officer they had a long discussion, she agreed to warn the owner, she also stated he had to file a complaint. He did not file the complaint at that time because she agreed to warn the owner. On April 6 the dogs were on the property again loose. He filed a complaint, he sent a text that he filed a complaint, and that he dropped the complaint in the drop box. On April 9, they were running on his property, he files another complaint and put it in the drop box and sent another text that the complaint was in the drop box. He got a text saying don't send me anymore text, he was told to call the number. He wants to know who to call, he wants something done with this. One of the dogs that Gary's neighbor owned went to McKerrow and mauled one of their customers dogs, he was charged with a misdemeanor, and forced to get rid of the dog. They have come after Gary three times on his property. Gary asked when will he be fined. He has been warned once, he filed two more complaints. Councilman John Hill asked Dog Control Officer Denise Willard if she had a comment on this. Denise said that the first night he called her, he told her that the dog was in the creek. She asked Gary if the neighbors property goes up to the property, Gary replied yes. She said she asked why he was calling, Gary said that his neighbor does not own the creek. Denise told the board she has contacted the New York State Troopers and they gave her a direct line to the Machias Barracks, the gentleman she spoke to said this has gone on for years, and Gary goes at the

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neighbor and the neighbor goes back at him. Gary has 4 of the neighbor's kid's footballs, its ongoing between both parties. Everyone at the Machias Barracks knows. She asked them what can she do. Denise said she asked Gary in a text "please do not text my phone", then he asked how do I get a hold of the DCO, she said call the number. Gary said it was 4:45 in the morning and he was being polite to wait till 8 to text her. Denise asked why he was watching the neighbor's dog that early in the morning. Denise said the first complain Gary said the dog was in the creek and later that night Gary's wife said it was in the back yard. Denise contacted the previous DCO Don Howe and Don said that this has gone on for years, and she will be their pawn. She has talked to other neighbors they also said she will be their pawn. Gary told the board he had supporting depositions that he sent to Salamanca Court, when his neighbor was arrested for his dog attacking the dog of the customer at McKerrow. Gary said as far as the balls he has them because they have been warned not to come on his property. Supervisor Randy Lester asked what should Gary or anyone do if we have that dog situation. Denise said she is doing her job but her job is not to put up with neighborhood arguments. Ron Previty asked if there was a dog leash law in Town. Randy said yes. Denise said in order to file a complaint he has to do it sworn under oath either in front of the Dog Control Officer or the Constable. Denise told his Gary wife that's what is needed. Gary said it's the court duty to decide guilt or incense. Denise said that he needs to start to call the Troopers because she will not be a part of the neighborhood spat. Gary said troopers do not enforce local ordinances. John said that's true. Gary said the dog runs loose what should he do, does she write a ticket, is he wasting his time. Randy said that Denise is the DCO and he should call her, and tell her the dog is loose. Denise said she will not be a part of this spat. Gary said the neighbor has been arrested for trust passing on Gary's property. Denise said that the Troopers have told Gary the more he eggs him on the more he's going to do. John concern is if a resident of the Town has a complaint and willing to file a complaint with the Dog Control Officer, the Dog Control Officer should take the complaint, no matter what, the DCO should be taking the complaint of the resident. Denise said she does not know where the drop box is, she does not have a key to the drop box and Town Clerk Mindy Holland can give her the complaint when she gets it, that's not filing it with the Constable or the DCO. Councilman Geoff Milks asked per the law it has to be turned in under oath. Denise said yes. Geoff said it has not been turned in properly. Gary asked what else does he do, he said its good enough for the court. Geoff said it's not what the local law says, the law says under oath set up for a reason. Councilman Dustin Bliss said that there is some frustration between both parties, we need to adopt the law we have in front of us. Denise said in the new law it says something about barking, she said she will get called every day. One of the neighbors Gary complained about got called on by someone that stands across the road video taping them, she said that dog is justified to bark. The person that had the complaint against her for the barking dogs said the dogs were with her camping.

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Denise Willard: She was reading through the minutes, it says \$20,000 from Freedom Baptist church, she swears it was said \$10,000 and it has her concerned because from what she understands Freedom Baptist church is closed. She said why would we be donating any money to a church that is closed as part of historical moneys. Supervisor Randy Lester stated that it's a historical building. Denise said its not open who are they going to donate it too. John Brown said to maintain it. John said over by the cemetery by Osman the church that use to be there, if it was standing it could be funded. John said the church at the bottom of Galen Hill and Route 98they only use that church once a year for commemoration. John said its up to the town to preserve it. Denise said it's up to SHIPO what the money is donated to, and this says \$20,000 written in the minutes when it was said \$10,000 last month. Town Clerk Mindy Holland stated she went off what Randy said.

Susan Lester: She submitted comments please see attached.

Dan Meyers: He asked what the code of ethics is, what it entailed. Town Clerk Mindy Holland stated it was all employees that work for the Town of Freedom. Mindy read from the first part of the law, "Pursuant to the provisions of section 806 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, the Town Board of the Town of Freedom recognizes that there are rules of ethical conduct for public officers and employees which must be observed if a high degree of moral conduct is to be attained and if public confidence is to be maintained in our unit of local government. Mindy explained that it went on with more information. Dan said he was not at the last meeting, but the Town Supervisor representing our town, and gets up and screaming and swearing at a question that was asked by a female. Should that be part of the town ethics to act in a professional manor instead of screaming and acting like a child. Supervisor Randy Lester stated he did not swear. Dan said to Randy you are representing our town and you act like a cry baby. Councilman John Hill stated to Dan Meyers that he is also a town employee, regardless of your personal feeling as a town employee, John has disagreements with several different people but regardless of what the person says or stands for we do not make personal attacks on people. Dan said he has a higher standard than he does. John said we are all town employees, even our janitor has the same requirements as we do. John stated we should all treat each other and all residents in the town with respect regardless of what we think. The question was asked if someone holding a higher standard to keep their mouth under control. John the person in office does, a resident can lose their temper easier than someone in office.

Denise Willard wanted to make it clear in the March minutes it says "Dog Control Officer stated", she stated what she said and asking the question as to what we were going to spend \$25,000 on the Town Green, which no one had even heard of before a year ago, she stated that as a resident not as the Dog Control Officer.

VI. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS:

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- A) Assessors – Report Submitted
- B) Building Committee –
- C) Building Inspector – Report Submitted
- D) Highway Superintendent – Report Submitted
Councilman John Hill asked what roads Highway Superintend Jim Haggerty plans on repairing, he said that he has been waiting for Hughes Rd. Jim said Hughes has been done since he has been in charge, he did it before it got broke up by Bores trucks. Osman has not been oil and stone and that is on the list to get done. Jim said that he plans on grinding the patches on Hughes Rd get them back down where they are supposed to be.
- E) Clerk/Collector – Report Submitted.
- F) Constable –
- G) DCO –
- H) Highway Committee –
- I) Insurance Committee-
- J) Justices –
- K) Parks & Recreation –
- L) Planning Board – Report Submitted from March
- M) Supervisor – Report Submitted
- N) Other Town Officials –

A motion to accept the reports & communications as submitted was made by John Hill. Seconded by Dustin Bliss.

Roll call: Ayes-5 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks
& Supervisor Randy Lester

VII. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

General #64 to # 84, Amt. \$5,816.57, Yrly Amt. \$122,101.05.

Motion made by Dustin Bliss to accept the General vouchers as written.
Seconded by R. Nick Morgan.

Roll call: Ayes-5 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks
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Highway # 36 to #56, Amt. \$9,927.28, Yrly Amt. \$ 82,038.91.

Motion made by Dustin Bliss to accept the Highway vouchers as written.
Seconded by Geoff Milks.

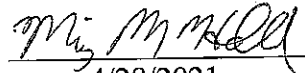
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VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Dustin Bliss made the motion to adjourn the meeting at
9:01pm. Seconded by John Hill.

Roll call: Ayes-5 R. Nick Morgan, Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester

Respectfully Respected,


4/28/2021

Freedom Town Clerk

Good evening Gentlemen

At the last Town Board meeting there was a discussion regarding the Historical Funding that had to be approved by SHIPPO and funded by Inenergy in the event of Wind Turbines where up and running and then the Town of Freedom would receive.

It did seem that a number of the board members were not aware of what these meetings pertained to and what was discussed. Apr. 12 did attend these meetings and the Town Historians where 2 of them.

Feb 8th was first meeting & Inenergy rep Margarite discussed what the requirements where from SHIPPO regarding the funding , and what they needed to pertain and apply to~~ they were to improve the ~ Knowledge , Quality and History of the Town. With there being some flexibility.

Brought up was a previously created Soldiers Memorial that was said to be in bad condition and was in storage and discussed that may not be feasible to restore and that somehow a newly created Veterans Memorial be created

Town Cemeteries in need of attention where spoke of

Town Churches needing attention where spoke of

The Freedom School Bell held in storage being placed in front of Town Hall was spoke of

Putting metal Historical Markers in appropriate places, and or

Historical information board place in town in appropriate place.

A gentleman attending mentioned a Gazebo with historical info attached to it somewhere on Town property.

Then another meeting date set.

2nd meeting was held with Inenergy Rep Shawn attending and previous ideas discussed more in detail again and Shawn discussed how he needed to submit to SHIPPO in different catorgories. Several spoke of other ideas and more info such as estimated cost would be needed for submission per Shawn for these that were interested in their said idea.

Group discussed new and previous ideas. Shawn indicated how he wanted to put ideas together under catagories and then needed an estimated cost for ideas for the next meeting. Shawn indicated no need for quotes, just a good idea of cost per item.

Then another meeting date set.

3rd meeting held with Inenergy Rep Shawn attending and again previous meeting ideas where discussed & Shawn discussed how he would submit to SHIPPO

This was attended by 10 or less

Representatives from various Town churches came and gave their needs. Some where to submit their Churches itemized cost

Shawn requested to Supervisor.

Few committee folks submitted to Shawn estimates with idea. No new estimated cost where submitted except by churches.

New idea presented was a Local Religious Camp and discussed & fell short of Knowledge, Quality or History of Town.

No further meeting was discussed as Shawn wanted to submit to SHIPPO ASAP.

Projects per Shawn at the end of meeting all ideas where put into catagories such as

"Churches"

" Cemeteries"

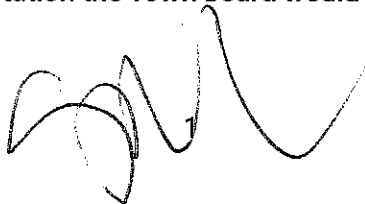
"Historic School Bell"

"Historic Markers & Historic Information Boards & Village Green History" & Veterans Memorial.

There was no approval, all these where spoke of and anyone who was at meetings could bring forth cost estimates and let Shawn know of the interest and how it could be catagorized and it would be submitted accordingly.

In the future if and when this funding comes to frutation the Town Board would then appropriate the monies SHIPPO approved for the projects. Hope this illeviates any confusion.

respectfully Submitted to Clerk ~ April 19th 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name or set of initials, located at the bottom right of the document.