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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - Tuesday, October 7, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Meeting Held at: North Freedom Community Center - 105 N Maple St, North
Freedom, WI 53951

Members Present: President Rick Hehenberger, Vice President Dawn Carignan,
Secretary/Treasurer David Emery, Nicki Breunig, Mike Carignan, Mary
Luckhardt-Klemm, Gus Robertson, Rose Vertein.

Guests Present: Timothy Blauert & Andrew Kufner & Micala Robertson

President Hehenberger called meeting to order 6:01 PM.

1. Approval of Any Outstanding Meeting Minutes: Members reviewed and approved Minutes from July Meeting. N.Breunig will prepare Minutes from August meeting and bring to next meeting.
2. Remaining 2025 Event Planning
 - a. Trellis in Vodak Park: Rededication for the Vodak/Veteran Park and Trellis created by Oz happening 11/9/25 - 2:00 PM. Pastor Blauert willing to give a blessing. Kevin Vodak will speak. Will look into American Legion if they want to participate - presentation of the colors maybe. List of speakers: Village President begin the event, Kevin Vodak talk about family history with park area, Pastor Blauert, Oz on creating the trellis, Legion, Flower Keepers (Ann Tauber, Mary & Phil Klemm). Treats/cookies will also be happening. Flower keepers do not want any recognition at this event. 11/9 2:00 PM. Setup 1:30 PM in Community Center.
 - b. Winter Celebration: 11/29/25 - 6:00 PM. FD Has a lot of Christmas odds/ends that we can use. Wondering about having a Santa in the parade at the end to "light" the tree(s). Do a separate decoration time a couple or so days prior? Talk to Shane Weber to see if ok to decorate trees on his lot. Talked about having event insurance. Dawn will look into a possible free tree. Discussed adding timers to Village lights?

3. Freedom Days 2026 Planning: D.Carignan looked into rides - not many options available. They are all booked or the group has to pay up front. Thoughts on to scale it back to 1 or 2 days rather than the whole weekend. Friday night and Saturday. Keep as much items up town - keep fireworks just in the park. Open it up to local businesses/groups. Beer tent discussion - maybe ask bar & restaurant for a portion of the proceeds of alcohol sales to go to event. Bounce house/slide combo. Car show. Street dance. Petting zoo. Face painting. Live music. Market & craft vendors. 5k run. Add sponsorship to event. 50/50 raffle and regular raffles. Silent auction. Mini-pullers. Coordinate something for the Semiquincentennial. Church softball league out of Reedsburg interested tourney - 4 teams or youth baseball tourney - umpire their own games - they can run their own concession stand - ask for a portion of sale proceeds. Parade should be on Saturday morning as a kick off. Chicken BBQ.
4. Other Items: 501(c)3 status has been approved by the IRS. Check will be coming from the Village on revenue share then can open bank account. Applying for tax exempt status through the State.
Next meeting date: October 27, 2025 - 6:00 PM
5. Adjourn: Adjourned at 7:42 PM