

June 9, 2020

Regular Town Board Meeting

7:00 PM

The Fremont Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on June 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM under Covid-19 restrictions.

Supervisor Emily Murray called the Meeting to order at 7 PM; led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dean Kiefer gave the Invocation. A moment of silence was given for Frank Owens, a previous town board member and friend.

Present: Town Board: Supervisor Emily Murray, Councilman Cynthia Smith, Councilman Dean Kiefer, Councilman Carol Burns and Councilman Thomas Flansburg.

Reports of Public Officials submitted were read and are on file: Deputy Highway Superintendent Jeff Moore, Justice Betsey Farley, Assessor Holley Smalt, John Leonard, Jr, Code Enforcement Officer and Debra Matthews, Dog Control Officer.

Resolution #57 Approve A Letter to the Hendee Family regarding the dumping site at Town Barn #2

Motion by Councilman Flansburg seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #57 was adopted. It was resolved to have the Town Supervisor send a letter to the Hendee family regarding the dumping site behind Town Barn 2. Roll Call of Votes: Flansburg aye, Burns aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #58 Approve the Minutes from the March 10, 2020 Town Board Meeting

Motion by Councilman Flansburg seconded by Councilman Smith Resolution #58 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Minutes from March 10, 2020 Town Board Meeting. Roll Call of Votes: Flansburg aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Burns Abstain, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstain.

Resolution #59 Approve Authority of Town Supervisor regarding Covid-19 Virus

Motion by Councilman Flansburg seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #59 was adopted. It was resolved to approve Authority of the Town Supervisor regarding the Covid-19 Virus. Roll Call of Votes: Flansburg aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye, Burns aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #60 Approve the Payment of Bills for Abstract #4 and Abstract #5

Motion by Councilman Kiefer seconded by Councilman Burns Resolution #60 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Payment of Bills for Abstract #4 - \$41,832.48 and Abstract #5 - \$103,687.02. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Flansburg, aye, Smith aye, Murray aye, Burns aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

There were four (4) guests that wanted to speak at the meeting and were on the agenda. They were called in one by one. The first was Mike Bixby from Eastern Security regarding security cameras at the Town Buildings. A short discussion took place.

Resolution #61 Approve the Purchase of Security Cameras for Town Buildings

Motion by Councilman Kiefer seconded by Councilman Flansburg Resolution #61 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the purchase of Security Cameras for the Town Buildings. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Flansburg, aye, Smith aye, Murray aye, Burns aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

The second guest was Kayla Wagner from Sprague Insurance Agency to discuss the renewal of the Town's Insurance Policy. A discussion took place.

Resolution #62 Approve the Renewal of NYMIR Insurance Policy for 2020-21

Motion by Councilman Flansburg seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #62 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the renewal of NYMIR Insurance Policy for 2020-21. Roll Call of Votes: Flansburg aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye, Burns aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

The third guest was Jessie Harper from Arkport Central School. A discussion took place regarding a letter that was sent from the school board regarding Baron Wind Project to the Fremont Town Board. After a brief discussion Mr. Harper was thanked for his attendance.

The fourth guest was Dan Hammond from the Ethics Board. He informed the Town Board that Carol Burns had violated Section 4 and Section 5a, 5b, and 5c of the Local Law #1 of 2019 – Code of Ethics. Dan gave the recommendation of the Ethics Board for the violations.

Resolution #63 Approve the Recommendation of the Ethics Board regarding Carol Burns

Motion by Councilman Flansburg seconded by Councilman Smith Resolution #63 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the recommendation of the Ethics Board regarding Carol Burns for the Town Supervisor to send a letter to the Cohocton Town Board stating that Councilman Burns was not representing the Town of Fremont in her letter to them on May 16, 2020 regarding the Baron Wind project. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Flansburg aye, Burns Abstain. 4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstain

A discussion began regarding the resolution for the Town Barn Roof. A letter was reviewed that was drafted by the Town attorney to be sent to Mr. Butler.

Resolution #64 Approve the Letter drafted by the Town Attorney be sent to Mr. Butler

Motion by Councilman Flansburg seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #64 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the letter drafted by the Town attorney to be sent to Mr. Butler. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Flansburg aye, Smith aye, Murray aye, Burns aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #65 Approve the NYSLRS Standard Reporting Resolution

Motion by Councilman Flansburg seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #65 was adopted. It was resolved to approve to NYSLRS Standard Reporting Resolution. Roll Call of Votes: Flansburg aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye, Burns aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #66 Approve to have a Public Hearing on July 16, 2020 at 6:45pm regarding 487

Motion by Councilman Flansburg seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #66 was adopted. It was resolved to have a public hearing on the 487. Roll Call of Votes: Flansburg aye, Burns aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #67 Approve Budget Line Transfers

Motion by Councilman Flansburg seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #67 was adopted. It was resolved to approve Budget Line Transfers of \$6500.00 (A1990.4) and \$150.92 (DA5130.4) to A5010.1A and DA5132.4 respectively. Totaling \$6650.92. Roll Call of Votes: Flansburg aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye, Burns aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

A discussion began regarding Form RP-487 and submitting our Solar Law and Wind Law to NYSERDA. Councilman Smith will be working on this matter.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector audit was scheduled for June 16, 2020 here at the Town Hall by Councilman Burns and Councilman Smith.

Resolution #68 Approval for Councilman Kiefer to requests quotes for a new Handicap Ramp for Town Hall

Motion by Councilman Flansburg seconded by Supervisor Murray Resolution #68 was adopted. It was resolved to give approval to Councilman Kiefer to request quotes for a new Handicap Ramp for the Town Hall. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Flansburg aye, Smith aye, Murray aye, Burns aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Jeff Moore, Deputy Highway Superintendent mounted the No Smoking signs on the Town Hall and Town Barn #1 Building.

Shredding day for Steuben County is Saturday, June 25, 2020. Volunteers will be needed to take boxes over to be shredded.

The Gravel Policy acknowledgement was not signed by the Highway crew. They have submitted it to their Union representative for clarification.

Resolution #69 Accept the Resignation of Jennifer White from the Planning Board

Motion by Councilman Burns seconded by Councilman Smith Resolution #69 was adopted. It was resolved to accept the resignation of Jennifer White from the Planning Board. A legal ad was already placed in the newspaper and it is on the Town website as well. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Flansburg aye, Burns aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #70 Accept the 284 Agreement for 2021

Motion by Councilman Flansburg seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #70 was adopted. It was resolved to accept the 284 Agreement for 2021 for the Highway Department. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Flansburg aye, Burns aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

The Road Side Cleanup weeks was deferred until next year.

Resolution #71 Approve the purchase of the 2020 Mack Warranty for 84 Months

Motion by Councilman Flansburg seconded by Councilman Smith Resolution #71 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the purchase of the 2020 Mack Warranty for 84 Months. The warranty covers the engine plan 2 (\$6942.00) and exhaust after treatment added to engine plan 2 (\$1008.00). Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Flansburg aye, Burns aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

A discussion began regarding the hiring of a new employee for the Town Highway department.

Resolution #72 Approval Required by both the Town Board and Highway Superintendent Upon Hiring a new Employee

Motion by Councilman Flansburg seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #72 was adopted. It was resolved to have approval required by both the Town Board and Highway Superintendent upon hiring a new employee. Roll Call of Votes: Flansburg aye, Burns aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #73 Approval to Appoint Tom Flansburg as a member of the Highway Committee

Motion by Councilman Kiefer seconded by Councilman Smith Resolution #73 was adopted. It was resolved to have Councilman Tom Flansburg appointed to the Highway Committee. The Highway Committee consists of Councilman Kiefer and Councilman Flansburg. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Burns nay, Kiefer aye, Flansburg abstain. 3 Aye 1 Nay 1 Abstain.

Resolution #74 Approve a Part-time person to work with Highway Dept. 30 hours per week

Motion by Councilman Flansburg seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #74 was adopted. It was resolved to have a part-time person hired for the Highway Department working 30 hours per week. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Flansburg aye, Burns aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #75 Approve a \$200 Wegman's Gift Card for the Family of Jon Smith

Motion by Councilman Burns seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #75 was adopted. It was resolved to give the Jon Smith family a Wegman's gift card in the amount of \$200. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Burns aye, Kiefer aye, Flansburg aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #76 The Logging Law was Tabled until Further Notice

Motion by Councilman Burns seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #76 was adopted. It was resolved to table the Logging Law until further notice. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Burns aye, Kiefer aye, Flansburg aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

A discussion began regarding one of the lights in the meeting/court room. Councilman Kiefer said he would look at it next week and get back to Supervisor Murray as to what the next step would be.

Resolution #77 Approve the Bills – Abstract #6

Motion by Councilman Flansburg seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #77 was adopted. It was resolved to pay the Bills on Abstract #6 in the amount of \$33,025.51. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Flansburg aye, Burns aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Councilman Kiefer motioned to adjourn the meeting – all were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00PM

*Susan M. Peck
Fremont Town Clerk*