

December 14, 2021

Regular Town Board Meeting

7:00 PM

The Fremont Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on December 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM under Covid-19 restrictions.

Supervisor Emily Murray called the Meeting to order at 7 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Kiefer gave the Invocation.

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

Other Officials Present: Greg Sikosek, Planning Board

Reports of Public Officials submitted and on file: Highway Superintendent Tom Flansburg, Justice Betsey Farley, Assessor Holley Smalt, John Leonard, Jr, Code Enforcement Officer, Debra Matthews, Dog Control Officer.

Old Business:

Councilman Kiefer has not had any response from Don Gates regarding the roof at the Town Barn. He will keep trying to reach him.

Councilman Burns brought in the plaque to show the Board. The names need to be put on yet.

Resolution #116 Approve the Minutes from the October 12, 2021 Regular Town Board Meeting

Motion by Councilman Kiefer seconded by Councilman Smith Resolution #116 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Minutes from the October 12, 2021 Regular Town Board Meeting. Roll Call of Votes: Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Burns aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Review John Leonard's letter of interest. This will be reviewed at the December End of Year Meeting on the 28th at 6:00PM.

Resolution #117 Approve the Minutes from the October 26, 2021 Public Hearing on 2022 Budget and Special Meeting for Approval of Budget

Motion by Councilman Kiefer seconded by Councilman Smith Resolution #117 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Minutes from the October 26, 2021 Public Hearing on the Budget and the Special Meeting to approve the Budget. Roll Call of Votes: Murray abstain, Smith aye, Burns aye, Kiefer aye. 3 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstain.

The November 9, 2021 Town Board Meeting was cancelled.

New Business:

Resolution #118 Approve the Supervisor to Contact Attorney re: Land Use Regulations Law

Motion by Councilman Smith seconded by Councilman Burns Resolution #118 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Supervisor to Contact the Attorney re: Land Use Regulations Law. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Burns aye, Kiefer aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #119 Adopt the NYS 2020 Building and Fire Codes for 2020

Motion by Councilman Burns seconded by Supervisor Murray Resolution #119 was adopted. It was resolved to adopt the NYS Building and Fire Codes for 2020. Roll Call of Votes: Murray abstain, Smith aye, Burns aye, Kiefer nay. 3 Aye 1 Nay 0 Abstain.

A discussion began regarding the duties of the Code Enforcement Officer and it was decided to have a list of expectations for him at the end of the year meeting on December 28, 2021.

Resolution #120 Approval the Fire Department Contract for 2022

Motion by Councilman Kiefer seconded by Councilman Smith Resolution #120 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Fire Department Contract for 2022. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Burns aye, Kiefer aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #121 Approve the 2022 Ambulance Contract

Motion by Councilman Kiefer seconded by Councilman Smith Resolution #121 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the 2022 ambulance contract. Roll Call of Votes: Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye, Burns aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #122 Approve the 2022 Dog Pound Contract

Motion by Councilman Kiefer seconded by Councilman Smith Resolution #122 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the 2022 dog pound contract. Roll Call of Votes: Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye, Burns aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #123 Accept Nancy Hadsell's Resignation as of December 31, 2021

Motion by Councilman Burns seconded by Councilman Smith Resolution #123 was adopted. It was resolved to accept the resignation of Nancy Hadsell effective December 31, 2021. Roll Call of Votes: Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye, Burns aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #124 Approval to Place An Ad for a Housekeeper at \$13.25 per hour

Motion by Councilman Smith seconded by Councilman Burns Resolution #124 was adopted. It was resolved to place an ad for a housekeeper. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Burns aye, Kiefer aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #125 Accept the Retainer Agreement with Richardson & Pullen for 2022

Motion by Councilman Kiefer seconded by Councilman Smith Resolution #125 was adopted. It was resolved to accept the retainer agreement with Richardson & Pullen. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Smith aye, Murray aye, Burns aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

A discussion began regarding hiring a handyman for the Town Hall Building. Dean Kiefer volunteered to do any of the repairs and asked to just send him a list of what needs to be done.

A discussion began regarding replacement of doors at the Town Hall and the Highway Garage. It was decided to request quotes from three (3) vendors.

The review of Labella’s proposal for an On-Site Monitor for Baron Winds Phase 1 was tabled until the next meeting.

The Supervisor updated the Board on the Baron Wind to date.

The Baron Wind Payment of \$105,363.69 came on 11/4/2021.

Resolution #126 Approval to Move \$21,542.91 to General Fund for Prior Wind Related bills from Attorney remainder to be put in Savings Account

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Councilman Smith Resolution #126 was adopted. It was resolved to approve to move \$21,542.91 to the General Fund for prior wind related bills from attorney with remainder to be put in the Savings Account. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Burns abstain, Smith aye, Murray aye. 3 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstain.

Resolution #127 Approval for End of Year Meeting on December 28, 2021 at 6:00PM

Motion by Councilman Smith seconded by Supervisor Murray Resolution #127 was adopted. It was resolved to approve an end of year meeting on December 28, 2021 at 6:00PM. Roll Call of Votes: Burns aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Town Board Open Position

Seth Hilton read his letter of interest for the position on the town board.

Tom Flansburg asked what his stance on Wind was and if he still worked for the Burns’

Supervisor Murray asked about his work schedule.

Mary Soukup stated that whoever had third number of votes should be on the town board

A discussion began

Bert Candee read his letter of interest for the position on the town board

Discussed lived in town since 1993, wind- town should stick with contract we have developed

A discussion continued on the wind (Tom Bert and Seth)

It was decided to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss.

Resolution #128 Appoint Jonathan Swift as Deputy Highway Superintendent starting 11/1/2021 at \$500.00 per year

Motion by Councilman Burns seconded by Councilman Smith Resolution #128 was adopted. It was resolved to appoint Jonathan Swift as Deputy Highway Superintendent starting 11/1/2021 at \$500.00 per year. Roll Call of Votes: Burns aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #129 Amend the Town Contract with the Highway Dept. to allow bi-weekly paper paychecks for On Call MEO and Highway Superintendent

Motion by Councilman Smith seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #129 was adopted. It was resolved to amend the Town Contract with the Highway Dept. to allow bi-weekly paper paychecks for On Call MEO and Highway Superintendent. Roll Call of Votes: Burns aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #130 Approve the Highway Superintendent to Auction off the 2 V snowplows and the CAT Snow Blower

Motion by Councilman Kiefer seconded by Councilman Burns Resolution #130 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Highway Superintendent to auction off the 2 v snowplows and the snow blower. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Burns aye, Kiefer aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

A discussion began regarding the condition of the town trucks. It was decided to have the Town Highway Superintendent to request a quote for a new truck.

The NYS DOT sent a letter regarding the speed limit on 70A and they will be reviewing it.

It was decided not to donate to the EES request for \$500.00.

The Town Supervisor requested that all in attendance log into the site and do the Broadband Survey for Internet for the Town.

The Dog Census was completed for the Town. 30 new dogs were registered with the Town.

An outside agency, Cathedral Corp., was contracted by the County to process and mail out the Town and County Taxes for this year.

Resolution #131 Approve Payment of Bills on Abstract #11

Motion by Councilman Smith seconded by Councilman Burns Resolution #131 was adopted. It was resolved to pay the bills on Abstract #11 in the amount of \$22,093.13. Roll Call of Votes: Burns aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #132 Approve to Pay the Bill on Abstract #12A

Motion by Councilman Smith seconded by Councilman Burns Resolution #132 was adopted. It was resolved to pay the bills on Abstract #12A in the amount of \$54,487.07. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Burns aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Review of the NYS Public Employer Health Emergency Plan was discussed. Board members will review and will discuss at the next meeting.

Public Comments:

Resolution #133 Move to Executive Session with Town Clerk to take Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Councilman Smith Resolution #133 was adopted. It was resolved to Move to Executive Session with Town Clerk to take Minutes. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Burns aye, Kiefer aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #134 Approve to Resume Regular Meeting

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #134 was adopted. It was resolved to resume the regular meeting. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Burns aye, Kiefer aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #135 Appoint Bert Candee to replace Tom Flansburg's Councilman Position on the Town Board until next election

In the Executive Session a vote was taken as to whom to appoint until the next election for Tom Flansburg's term as Councilman on the Town Board. Roll Call of Votes: Burns nay, Kiefer aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 3 Aye 1 Nay 0 Abstain.

Supervisor Murray motioned to adjourn the meeting – all were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30PM

Susan M. Peck
Fremont Town Clerk