

The Fremont Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on May 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Deputy Supervisor Cindy Smith called the Meeting to order at 7 PM; led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dean Kiefer gave the Invocation.

Present: Town Board: Deputy Supervisor Cynthia Smith, Councilman Dean Kiefer and Councilman Bert Candee and Councilman Carol Burns

Absent: Supervisor Emily Murray

There were 8 people that attended the meeting.

Other Public Officials Present: Domenica Burns and Mary Soukup, ZBA; Greg Sikosek, Planning Board, Highway Superintendent Tom Flansburg

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:

Resolution #54 Approve the Minutes from April 12, 2022 Meeting

Motion by Councilman Candee seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #54 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2022 meeting. Roll Call of Votes: Candee aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Burns abstain. 3 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstain.

Councilman Kiefer updated the Board that he has contacted the company and hopes to hear back in a couple of weeks.

Councilman Candee and Councilman Burns will be doing the Town Clerk and Tax Collector Audit on Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

New Business:

Deputy Supervisor Smith read the response from the County regarding a speed zone at the end of Rose Road. The County determined that the current speed limit of 55 miles per hour is appropriate. Councilman Candee suggested that maybe a flashing light or other sign be placed ahead of the corner. It was decided that the Town Clerk would pull the letters and any other information regarding the original request for a change of speed limit and have it for the next Town Board Meeting.

Deputy Supervisor Smith notified the Board that Donald Thompson resigned from the ZBA on April 14, 2022.

The Town Hall bathroom facilities are not working correctly. A discussion began regarding where the actual septic system was located. No one really knows where it is located. It was decided to replace both toilets and see if this takes care of the problems.

Resolution #55 Approve the Purchase of Two New Toilets for the Town Hall Bathrooms

Motion by Councilman Burns seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #55 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Purchase of Two Toilets for the Town Hall Bathrooms. Roll Call of Votes: Candee aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Burns aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Deputy Supervisor Smith read a letter from Richard and Joyce Sherman regarding the Wind Company. Councilman Kiefer stated that this may be changed back nothing is concrete. Dan Hammond stated that he had wind company employees on his property without required prior notice.

Deputy Supervisor Smith suggested that the Town Board should send a letter to the NYS Department of Public Service to notify them that the Town's position is firm with regard to the Town Law regarding the height and the usage of other roads outside of the Road Use Agreement. The height issue was discussed and debated extensively by the Town Board and the public when it enacted its 2018 law establishing town height. The Road Use Agreement was likewise thoroughly discussed, considered and agreed upon. It was decided to have Supervisor Murray contact the Town Attorney, Richard Buck to discuss.

Resolution #56 Approve Payment of the Bills on Abstract #5

Motion by Councilman Candee seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #56 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the payment of the bills on abstract #5 in the amount of \$11,139.00. Roll Call of Votes: Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Candee aye, Burns aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Public Comments??

Domenica Burns stated never have they (the Burns) ever accused the Shermans of slander. But this is what they have done to us by stating we are despicable neighbors and deceitful. This is not true. We do not run the Wind Company. The Shermans should contact Jason Dagger from RWE to discuss their situation.

Mary Soukup approached the Town Board and requested that they contact Jason Dagger to take a lie detector test and that she would pay the \$900 to have him do it. She just wants to hear the truth. The Board told her that she should keep her money and that the Wind Company probably would not allow him to do this.

Councilman Burns has the Plaque and asked how the plates should be worded. This was tabled until next month so that Supervisor Murray could have a say in it. She also said that Henry Wulforst is not doing well and that the Schumacher Farms had a death in their family.

Mike Smith wanted to ask the Highway Superintendent, Tom Flansburg, some questions the first regarding the hours of operation? Mr. Flansburg stated that he was not going to answer any questions from Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith proceeded to ask other questions such as what the Highway Annual Budget was, what was Mr. Flansburg benefit package and salary. Mr. Smith wanted to know why it took so long to ditch Babcock Road and where did the spoils go from this ditching? He also asked if Mr. Flansburg received permission to push back trees onto private property? Councilman Candee tried to answer some of the questions but then it became a heated discussion.

Domenica Burns stated that no residents want to come to the Town Board Meetings because of the behavior that we all just witnessed.

Deputy Supervisor Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM

Susan M. Peck
Fremont Town Clerk