

The Fremont Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on July 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

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

Present: Town Board: Supervisor Emily Murray, Councilman Dean Kiefer, Councilman Carol Burns and Councilman Bert Candee.

Absent: Councilman Cynthia Smith

Other Public Officials Present: Greg Sikosek, Planning Board, Mary Soukup, ZBA.

There were 10 people that attended the meeting

Reports of Public Officials were read and are 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 #67 Approve the Correction to Abstract #6

Motion by Councilman Burns seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #67 was adopted: Resolved to approve the correction on Abstract #6 from \$43,925.33 to \$46,185.83. Roll Call of Votes: Candee aye, Burns aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #68 Approve the Minutes for June 14, 2022 Town Board Meeting

Motion by Councilman Kiefer seconded by Councilman Burns Resolution #68 was adopted: Resolved to approve the Minutes for June 14, 2022 Town Board Meeting. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Candee aye, Burns aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Supervisor Murray asked Councilman Kiefer if he had an update on the doors for the town hall and the town barn. He said that either tomorrow or Thursday the representative from Flower City Glass of Rochester will be down to take a look at the current doors.

New Business:

The Assessor, Holley Smalt gave a presentation regarding the town revaluation slated for 2023. She stated that Fremont has not had a revaluation since 2016 and we are at an equalization rate of 84%. The revaluation in 2023 needs to be done. She will need to request the advisory appraisals from New York State within three weeks of this resolution. A letter with full disclosure will be sent to residents prior to March 1, 2023. She will meet with homeowners in March and April with any questions. She was asked by Supervisor Murray if she went to each house and she said yes, she does all viewing from the roadside does not go into houses.

Resolution #69 Approve the Revaluation in 2023 by the Town's Assessor

Motion by Councilman Kiefer seconded by Councilman Candee Resolution #69 was adopted. Resolved to approve the revaluation in 2023 by the Town's assessor. Roll Call of Votes: Candee aye, Kiefer aye, Burns aye, Murray nay. 3 Aye 1 Nay 0 Abstain.

Supervisor Murray stated that the Town Clerk contacted the Code Enforcement Officer, John Leonard to see if there was a regulation that required so many outside lights. John stated that there was no such regulation. She also contacted Eastern Security and they stated as long as the lights are pointed in the same direction it should be fine.

Resolution #70 Approve Electrician changing outside lighting

Motion by Councilman Candee seconded by Supervisor Murray Resolution #70 was adopted. Resolved to approve the electrician to change the outside lighting to motion and LED. Roll Call of Votes: Candee aye, Burns aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

The Town Clerk requested approval to destroy records for 2015 that have met the retention date of 6 years.

Resolution #71 Approve the Destruction of 2015 Records

Motion by Councilman Burns seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #71 was adopted. Resolved to approve the destruction of records that have met retention date of 6 years. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Burns aye, Candee aye, Kiefer aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

It was reported that there was some water in the Records Room and Supervisor Murray asked Councilman Kiefer if he would check on it. He said he already looked at it and wants to divert the runoff to the back of the building instead of the front of the building.

A discussion on extending the 5G tower moratorium for 6 months-expires in September. Supervisor Murray spoke with the town attorney and he said the law needs to get done before the State wants to know why it is not. Supervisor Murray asked if anyone was willing to help out by reviewing some sample laws and Councilman Candee volunteered to help.

Supervisor Murray informed the Board that the Code Enforcement Officer, John Leonard, would like to have the Administration and Enforcement of the NYS Fire Prevention and Building Code updated. It was last updated in 2007. The Supervisor is currently working on it.

A discussion began on the 284 Agreement. Superintendent Flansburg stated that he was going to black top 880 feet on Mattoon Road, Isaman Road, 280 feet on Mack School Road and part of Canfield Road. He does not have the help to do the oil and stone. He feels that black top will last longer than oil and stone. The agreement was not complete at this time to pass a resolution on it although there were already three board members that had signed it. There was no mention of the new truck on the 284 agreement.

A discussion began regarding Safe Driving Solutions for drug testing for the highway department. It was decided to go ahead and use them replacing the County Services.

Resolution #72 Approve the Use of Safe Driving Solutions for Drug Testing the Highway Department

Motion by Councilman Candee seconded by Supervisor Murray Resolution #72 was adopted. Resolved to approve the use of Safe Driving Solutions for drug testing the highway department. Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Burns aye, Candee aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Supervisor Murray stated that the second ARPA payment was received (\$49,025.49) and that the Board needs to review the guidelines again and come up with a plan to use the money if at all possible.

The Association of Towns training in Canandaigua at the end of September. This is 4 credits. Supervisor Murray gave the letter to Greg Sikosek of the Planning Board.

Supervisor Murray wanted to ask Jason Dagger, RWE, about the petition for Baron Winds II for an order granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to section 68 of the public service law for an order granting lightened regulation but he did not attend the meeting.

Supervisor Murray asked the Board to review the Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials and will go over it next month.

Resolution #73 Approve Payment of the Bills

Motion by Councilman Candee seconded by Supervisor Murray Resolution #73 was adopted. Resolved to approve to pay the Bills in the amount of \$32,098.45. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Kiefer aye, Candee aye, Burns aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Public Comments?

Councilman Kiefer asked Assessor Holley Smalt about how other town are assessing properties that are getting wind towers. The State has a model that the numbers are entered into by the assessors.

Highway Superintendent Flansburg stated that a couple of residents lost sales on their homes due to the wind towers. The good neighbor agreement goes with the sale of the home.

Candy Clarke said that this should have been stated by the home owner to the potential buyer in the beginning.

Dan Hammond asked about a comparison of two homes with one being well kept and the other not. So, the one well-kept is being penalized with higher taxes. She said that no two homes are the same. Assessments are made up by NYS.

Supervisor Murray motioned to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

*Susan M. Peck
Fremont Town Clerk*