

The Fremont Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on September 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Emily Murray called the Meeting to order at 7 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Kiefer gave the Invocation. A moment of silence was given for 911 victims

Present: Supervisor Emily Murray, Council Member Cynthia Smith, Council Member Dean Kiefer, Council Member Carol Burns and Council Member Seth Hilton

Other Public Officials Present: Greg Sikosek, Planning Board, Mary Soukup and Domenica Burns, ZBA

There were 7 people that attended the meeting

Reports of Public Officials were read and are on file: Highway Superintendent Tom Flansburg, Assessor Holley Smalt, John Leonard, Jr., Code Enforcement Officer, Debra Matthews, Dog Control Officer.

Superintendent Flansburg went to Horsehead to pick up the 2020 Mack. There was no charge it was covered under the warranty. Bill Phelps approached him a couple of weeks ago inquiring about Phelps Drive and wondered if the town would take it over. I explained to him what I remembered about it at a prior time. I spoke with Dean Kiefer about it and I told him I would bring it up at the next board meeting to be discussed. Tom Flansburg suggested that the town board have plaques made for Betsey Farley and Carol Burns for their years of service to the town. Maybe call the newspaper to do an article on them. We are also having a meeting tomorrow night with Jason Dagger from RWE about the roads at 4PM.

**Old Business:**

**Resolution #70 Correction on August 2023 Abstract #8**

Motion by Council Member Burns seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #70 was adopted. Resolved to approve the correction to abstract #8 from \$50,416.40 to \$52,416.40 due to check request from Fremont Center cemetery for \$2,000. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Burns aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton abstain. 4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstain.

**Resolution #71 Approve the Minutes from August 8, 2023**

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #71 was adopted. Resolved to approve the minutes from August 8, 2023. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Burns aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton abstain. 4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstain.

**Resolution #72 Approve the Discrimination & Harassment Policy**

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Hilton Resolution #72 was adopted: Resolved to approve the Discrimination & Harassment Policy. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Burns aye, Smith aye, Murray aye, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

A discussion began regarding the plow for the Superintendent's truck.

**Resolution #73 Approve the Purchase of a Plow for the Superintendent's truck from Wilbri (\$6856.24)**

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Hilton Resolution #73 was adopted. Resolved to approve the purchase of a plow for the Superintendent's truck from Wilbri (\$6856.24). Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Burns aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

A discussion began regarding the Land Use Agreement Local Law #1. This was tabled.

A discussion began regarding Baldwin's Services.

**Resolution #74 Approve the Annual Contract with Baldwin's Accounting Services \$10,800**

Motion by Council Member Burns seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #74 was adopted. Resolved to approve the annual contract with Baldwin's Accounting Services \$10,800. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Burns aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Supervisor Murray stated that a meeting was done at Baldwin's regarding the 2024 budget. The highway crew did ask for raises. A budget workshop will be done in two weeks.

**Resolution #75 Approve to Place an Ad for the Budget Workshop on September 26, 2023 at 6:00pm**

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #75 was adopted. Resolved to place an ad for the budget workshop on September 26, 2023 at 6:00pm. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Hilton aye, Burns aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Supervisor Murray stated that the Fremont Fire Department submitted their budget as well. Please review it before the workshop.

**Resolution #76 Approval to Place an Ad for a Public Hearing regarding the 2024 Budget at 6:15 on October 10, 2023**

Motion by Council Member Smith seconded by Council Member Hilton Resolution #76 was adopted. Resolved to approve to place an ad for a Public Hearing regarding 2024 Budget on October 10, 2023. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Burns aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Supervisor Murray asked Superintendent Flansburg what was his plan for the old excavator. He plans on cleaning it up and waiting for the new truck and then place everything on the auction at once.

Supervisor Murray asked Superintendent Flansburg to remind his crew to review the agreement between the town and the highway for 2024. Please have suggestions emailed to the Supervisor and the Town Board.

A discussion began regarding the contractors for the ARPA funding. The town clerk will call them to see when they will be sending their quotes.

Supervisor Murray suggested that the Planning Board only meet when needed. A discussion began regarding the Comprehensive Plan. It was decided that the Planning Board would update the comprehensive plan.

**Resolution #77 Appoint Susan M. Peck to the Ethics Board for a term of 9/1/2023-9/30/2026**

Motion by Council Member Burns seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #77 was adopted. Resolved to appoint Susan M. Peck to the Ethics Board for a term of 9/1/2023-9/30/2026. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Burns aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

**Resolution #78 Appoint Donald Thompson to the BAR for a term of 10/1/2023-9/30/2028**

Motion by Council Member Burns seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #78 was adopted. Resolved to appoint Donald Thompson to the BAR for a term of 10/1/2023-9/30/2028. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Hilton aye, Burns aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

A reminder that Servu Shred Day is Saturday, September 16 in Hornell from 9-Noon.

**Resolution #79 Approve to Pay the Bills on Abstract #9**

Motion by Council Member Hilton seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #79 was adopted. Resolved to pay the bills on abstract #9 in the amount of \$24,706.93 Highway, \$7078.46 Town Hall and \$236,846.00 New Excavator totaling \$268,631.39. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Flansburg aye, Burns aye, Hilton aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

**Public Comments?**

Ryan Batte asked about whether anyone contacted the Grange regarding the two Grange signs and Carol Burns had and they can be removed. The Highway Department will remove them.

A motion by Supervisor Murray to adjourn the meeting. All in were in Favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM

*Susan M. Peck*

*Fremont Town Clerk*