

The Fremont Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on February 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

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

Present: Town Board: Supervisor Emily Murray, Council Member Cynthia Smith, Council Member Dean Kiefer, Council Member Seth Hilton and Council Member Mary Soukup

Other Public Officials: Greg Sikosek, Planning Board, Tom Flansburg, Highway Superintendent, Chuck Cagle, Code Enforcement Officer

Number of Attendees 11

**Old Business:**

**Resolution #14 Approve Correction to Abstract #1 from January 9, 2024**

Motion by Council Member Smith seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #14 was adopted. It was resolved to change the total dollar amount from \$5098.96 to \$6698.96 due to receiving the Office of the Comptroller in the amount of \$1600. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

**Resolution #15 Approve the Minutes from January 9, 2024 with Correction to Abstract #1**

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #15 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the minutes from January 9, 2024 with correction to abstract #1. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye, Smith aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

**Reports:**

Reports of Public Officials submitted and on file: Highway Superintendent Tom Flansburg, Justice Madeleine Seaman, Assessor Holley Smalt, Charles Cagle, Code Enforcement Officer, Debra Matthews, Dog Control Officer.

Superintendent Flansburg stated that he was waiting for a response from Jeff Parker from Soil and Water to complete the 284 Agreement. The One-Ton has been down for about a month due to computer issues. Wilbri did not know what was wrong with it so they sent it to Simmons and Rockwell. He called and talked with Sam Curran at Baldwins Business Services about a credit card and she said the First National Bank out of Omaha is basically where all the towns get them. We are grading roads and cutting brush. The new Mack truck is complete at Wibris and just waiting for Beam Mack to inspect it. We are having issues with the On-Spot that was not put on the new Mack truck. Beam Mack said that On-Spot would design a bracket for it to be installed.

Greg Sikosek, Planning Board had no report

Chuck Cagle the Code Enforcement Officer gave his report for January 2024.

**Resolution #16 Approve Salt/Sand Mixture Policy with added signage**

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #16 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Sand/Salt Mixture Policy with an addition of signage. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Hilton aye, Smith aye, Murray aye, Soukup aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

**Resolution #17 Approve the Housekeeping Rules with Change of Minimum Wage added**

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #17 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Housekeeping Rules with change of minimum wage added. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Soukup aye, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

**Resolution #18 Approve the Computer Use Policy**

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Hilton Resolution #18 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Computer Use Policy. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Hilton aye, Smith aye, Murray aye, Soukup aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

**Resolution #19 Approve the No Smoking Policy**

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #19 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the No Smoking Policy. Roll Call of Votes: Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

**Resolution #20 Approve the Cell Phone Policy**

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #20 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Cell Phone Policy. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

**Resolution #21 Approve the Historical Records Policy**

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #21 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Historical Records Policy. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Hilton aye, Smith abstain, Murray aye. 4 Aye, 0 Nay 1 Abstain.

The Procurement Policy was tabled

**Resolution #22 Approve Drug Policy**

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #22 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Drug Policy. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Soukup aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Reviewed the 2023 Justice Audit by Baldwin's Business Services.

**Resolution #23 Approve the 2023 Justice Audit done by Baldwin's Business Services**

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #23 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the 2023 Justice Audit done by Baldwin's Business Services. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

**Resolution #24 Approve to place an Ad for a Bids for the Electrical Work needed at the Town Barn**

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #24 was adopted. It was resolved to approve to place an ad for a bid for the electrical work needed at the town barn. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Supervisor Murray asked for 2 Council Members to volunteer to do the audit for the town clerk for 2023. Council Members Soukup and Smith volunteered. A date in April will be forthcoming.

Supervisor Murray shared with the Board that Alan Ingalls asked if the Fremont Cemetery Meeting could be held in the Town Hall instead of the fire department.

**Resolution #25 Approve the Cemetery Meetings to be held in the Town Hall**

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #25 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Cemetery Meetings be held in the Town Hall. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Supervisor Murray stated that she had received a letter from Plattsburgh Wind. She suggested that the Town Attorney contact them to make sure they are following the Town's Laws.

**Resolution #26 Contact Town Attorney to Complete Party Status for Himself and the Town Officials with Prattsburgh Wind**

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #26 was adopted. It was resolved to approve contact with the Town Attorney to complete Party Status for himself and the Town Officials. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

**Resolution #27 Approval to Pay the Bills on Abstract #2**

Motion by Council Member Smith seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #27 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the payment of the Bills on Abstract #2 in the amount of \$85,591.84 for General Fund and \$11,458.92 for Highway Fund with a total of \$87,050.76. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Soukup aye, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Jason Dagger from RWE attended. Supervisor Murray asked him about the ADLS lights. The wind company is working on it. The other question was about the roads in Fremont. The wind company mentioned settlement agreement that they did in the Town of Cohocton. He then offered the Town of Fremont a figure of \$225,000.00. A discussion began for a short time. Jason stated that he will come back by next meeting with a new proposal for a settlement.

**Public Comments??**

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM

*Susan M. Peck*  
*Fremont Town Clerk*