

The Fremont Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on March 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

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

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

Absent: Town Board: Council Member Cindy Smith

Other Officials: Greg Sikosek, Planning Board, Tom Flansburg, Highway Superintendent, Domenica Burns, ZBA

There were 10 people attending the board meeting

Reports:

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

Tom Flansburg updated the Board on the 2024 Mack. The only issue is the on-spot (chains) that were not put on the 2024 Mack truck by Mack. Mack took \$2624.00 off of the 41,000 owed by the Town. Leaving a \$971.00 difference that the Town would have to pay as well because this was the price two years ago. He has spoken with Wilbri and they will do it for a cost of \$3595.00. We are ditching and grading when roads are dry.

Chuck Cagle did not hand in a report for the month. He said he would email it as soon as he can.

Supervisor Murray asked Greg Sikosek if he had anything to report. He said he had a couple of items. One is property development off of Mack School Road and Neu Road. He brought a survey for and wanted the Board to review it after the meeting. It is an eleven-property development. There is a property moving property line to be done as well but does not have the details of it yet. Waiting for more information on this. It is on Conderman Road.

Domenica Burns stated that the ZBA had nothing to report.

Old Business:

The Supervisor asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from last month.

Resolution #28 Approve the Minutes from February 13, 2024

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #28 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Minutes from February 13, 2024. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Murray aye, Kiefer aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

New Business:

The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk if they could approve all the polices on one resolution. She did not see a problem with that as long as there were no changes to any of them.

Resolution #29 Approve Investment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination, Workplace Violence, Town Hall Rental, Grievance, Procurement Policies as well as the Health Emergency Plan

Motion by Council Member Hilton seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #29 was adopted. It was resolved to approve Investment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination, Workplace Violence, Town Hall Rental, Grievance, Procurement Policies as well as the Health Emergency Plan. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Murray aye, Kiefer aye. 4 Aye, 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

The Supervisor noted that there will be changes coming to the Sexual Discrimination and Harassment Policy in the near future.

Council Member Soukup asked if the Town Clerk knew what the changes were going to be on the Sexual Harassment and Discrimination policy and she told her no that the State is making the changes and a notice should go out soon with the changes.

The Standard Work Day for Elected and Appointed Officials form was passed around the Board for review.

Resolution #30 Approve the Standard Work Day for Elected and Appointed Officials

Motion by Council Member Hilton seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #30 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Standard Work Day for Elected and Appointed Officials. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Kiefer aye, Soukup aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

The Supervisor asked the Board if they could discuss the quote for tire chains from Wilbri. Council Member Kiefer asked Superintendent Flansburg what they were for and he responded that they were for traction on the new 2024 truck. Wilbri will have to design a new one. He was also asked if they are used a lot. He replied that we use them as they are needed it. Wilbri's bill is \$3595.00 for the chains. Mack took \$2624.00 off of the \$41,000 owed by the Town. Leaving a \$971.00 difference that the Town would have to pay as well. Superintendent Flansburg stated that he is in contact with Mack trying to get them to pay the whole bill. The truck will be complete and he is just waiting for something in writing that it will not void the warranty. Supervisor Murray asked the Board if they were okay to pay the extra \$971.00.

Resolution #31 Approve Quote 30996 from Wilbri for RUD Rotogrip Tire Chains for 2024 Truck

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Supervisor Murray Resolution #31 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the quote 30996 from Wilbri's for RUD Rotogrip Tire Chains for the new 2023 truck. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Supervisor Murray asked Superintendent Flansburg about the Steuben County Soil and Water project for a culvert Pipe replacement for Jobs Corners. He said he has not received anything. The Town Clerk stated that it came to the Town Hall address. A short discussion took place. The Town cost would be 25% (\$2,800.00). There is no guide rail on the quote. This was tabled until later to find out about the guide rail.

Supervisor Murray asked Superintendent Flansburg if he had any calls from any electricians. Supervisor Murray asked the Board if there were any electricians that they knew that we could call for the town barn project? Bob Chapman, Pelham Electric and Scott Smith were mentioned. Supervisor Murray asked Superintendent Flansburg if it was okay for her to take them in to the town barn to look at the electrical on a weekend if needed and he responded yes. Supervisor Murray asked if they fixed the stove pipe and he said yes. What about the exit lights and he said it would need a professional to take care of.

Supervisor Murray asked if anyone was going to attend the leadership conference held in April and if so, they would need to let the Town Clerk know by March 19, 2024.

A discussion began regarding a logging law. Superintendent Flansburg stated that he would need to get signs for all the Fremont signs entering the Town. Council Member Kiefer was not for the law because you really cannot tell if it was logger or farmer destruction, but suggested that they have the public hearing to see what comes out of it. Tom Flansburg read a law to the Board that he had found.

Resolution #32 Approve Ad for Public Hearing regarding Logging Law on 4/9/2024 at 6:30pm

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #32 was adopted. It was resolved to approve ad for a public hearing regarding Logging Law on 4/9/2024 at 6:30pm. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Supervisor Murray asked Superintendent Flansburg if he had a chance to review the shared services with the County and he said it is basically what they do every year.

Resolution #33 Approve Shared Services with Steuben County for a Five-Year Contract

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #33 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the shared services with Steuben County for a five-year contract. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Supervisor Murray informed the Board that there were some town records that needed to be destroyed and she asked the Town Clerk to explain what and why the destruction was for. The Clerk read through the form with what was going to be destroyed and the time required for them to be held.

Resolution #34 Approve the Destruction of Town Records via MU-1 Schedule

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Hilton Resolution #34 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the destruction of town records via MU-1 Schedule. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

NYMIR wanted the Town to sign off on the disconnects for the trucks. Supervisor Murray asked Superintendent Flansburg if he went through and checked them and he said that all the trucks have them.

A discussion began regarding Baron Wind Road Repair Agreement for Phase I. Supervisor Murray requested that the comparisons be sent to her for the Board to review. The Supervisor stated that we need to review the agreement more because we just receive it the day before the meeting. This was tabled until next month.

Supervisor Murray asked the Board if they had any questions regarding the 284 Agreement. Superintendent Flansburg stated with the payments to be made for the 2024 truck and the new excavator he is not sure what is going to be left. He will know once the State Budget gets passed. A short discussion took place. Adam Landis also stated that once everything would start all over again once Phase II was in place such a road use agreement, post construction surveys, etc. Supervisor Murray stated let's have the attorney review the agreement and go from there.

Resolution #35 Approve the 284 Agreement

Motion by Council Member Hilton seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #35 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the 284 agreement. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #36 Approval to Pay the Bills on Abstract #3

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Supervisor Murray Resolution #36 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the payment of the Bills on Abstract #3 General \$3095.43 and Highway \$8761.74 Total \$11857.17. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

A reminder was given regarding the presidential election dates.

Public Comments??

Bob Szymanski asked what LaBella was and Supervisor Murray told him what they did. They are an advisor and are paid by the wind company. Sounds like they have not done a good job. We will not hire them again.

Brian Sundwall told the Board that he had a note taped to his door like a chicken shit. I have already been to court about the big truck and they are not leaving. I will go to jail or the hospital because I am on disability. I am not doing this again I do not want play with the town. Just leave me alone. Someone in this room pointed me out. The Supervisor stated that the code enforcement went on his own. Sundwall stated that the notice was not certified so any notice he gave me, big deal it's not legit. I would have confronted him but he is not here and doesn't answer his phone. Council Member Hilton stated that the code officer is new to Fremont and that he probably traveled the town. Sundwall stated that he has a letter from Judge Haenisch stating he was in compliance.

Alan Ingalls stated that the Fire Department is having a chicken BBQ on April 6th between 12-3pm if anyone is interested contact any fire member. They are \$12 each. Also, a ham raffle on the 29th at \$1 each. It is drive thru.

Dan DeLeo is having a hard time getting in touch with the code enforcement officer. His hours are 9-3? I have left messages but he does not call back. Does he have bankers' hours? The Supervisor said she would talk with him about returning calls. It was suggested to email him.

Jonathan Burns asked about Labella, what other towns used and the Supervisor stated that they all used LaBella. Did they do the post construction. She was not sure how deep they went with the other towns. Supervisor Murray said that she had heard that Cohocton was not happy with them. Council Member Hilton stated that there are conflicting stories about Cohocton because he spoke with them and they were happy with the outcome. They were happy with the post construction.

Candy Clarke asked if the Town could get Empire to come up to the Town of Fremont. She had called them and they said they had no interest. Empire stops at Dyes farm on Sharps Hill Road off of Route 21. The County was going to use ARPA funding for doing the fiberoptics in the area. Someone spoke up and said it would be six years before they did this. Supervisor Murray stated that Star Link satellite service was a possibility but there is an \$800 cost at the frontend then the monthly cost is low.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 PM

Susan M. Peck
Fremont Town Clerk