

The Fremont Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on May 13, 2025 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 Present: Domenica Burns, ZBA, Highway Superintendent Tom Flansburg

There were 15 people that attended the meeting.

Jason Dagger, Adam Landis and Rob Acosta from RWE was in attendance.

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

Superintendent Flansburg told the Board he and his crew have been mowing roadsides and grading roads when weather permitting and doing general maintenance. Holmes Road is in bad shape.

Old Business:

Resolution #58 Approve the Minutes from the April 8, 2025 Town Board Meeting

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #58 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2025 Town Board Meeting. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

New Business:

Supervisor Murray stated that she hoped to have the final audit for the Justice Office but has not received the paperwork yet from Baldwin's.

Supervisor Murray stated that the project at Jobs Corners pipe and guard rail which was paid for last year is to be completed this year.

Supervisor Murray asked the Highway Superintendent Flansburg about the pros and cons of blacktop vs. oil and stone? He stated that her preferred the black top due to maintenance and is good for 10 years. Oil and Stone is too labor intensive and is good for 5 years.

Supervisor Murray stated that we needed a resolution to accept the new building permit application. A discussion began between Neal Burley and David Henderson that were concerned about the wording and that it may be more for contractors not residents. A committee was suggested by Mr. Henderson. A discussion took place for a short time. This was tabled until next month.

Supervisor Murray asked the audience if there was anyone interested in joining the Planning Board but there were no takers. The next meeting the Supervisor stated that the Board needs to make a decision about what to do at next month's meeting.

Supervisor Murray stated that after the meeting the Board should go downstairs and decide what they want to do about the kitchen after the renovation is completed.

Supervisor Murray stated that the Assessor's term is up October 7, 2025. The term is for six (6) years. This will be discussed when the date gets closer. This was tabled at this time.

Baron Wind update by Jason Dagger that they are in full construction. There will be extended hours for the concrete pours. Rob Acosta was introduced by Mr. Dagger as the site manager. Mr. Acosta stated that inspections will be done on concrete trucks to make sure they comply. Safety issues is one reason that the concrete needs to be nonstop.

Bonding will be updated. Baron Wind has BST/Bar inspecting concrete as well as a third-party inspector.

The speed monitors are on their way.

A discussion began regarding Haskinville Road. Molly Clymo stated that if they build the road up any rain will then run into her basement. The Clymo's and the wind company need to come to an agreement regarding the buildup of their road. Mr. Dagger will have something drawn up once the Clymo's and RWE come to an agreement and also add Canfield Road as well. This write up will then be sent to the Town's Attorney to review and add some clauses as well. It was stated by Mr. Dagger that it would take six (6) weeks to have all of the blades delivered with 6 blades per week. There will State Troopers stopping traffic on Route 21 and stated this would only be for 10 minutes. A discussion began.

Council Member Soukup asked about the Red Zones. Jason did not know what she was talking about. Council Member Smith stated that the Red Zones are the nematode fields. A short discussion began about this.

The Town Clerk notified the Board that Dylan Hostrander, Assistant Project Manager from Wesson Group asked if the Board would consider eliminating the two violation fines of \$1000 each from Babcock Road due to all the extra work they did on the Road. The Board made a resolution.

Adam Landis asked if the Town had any small projects for the Wesson Group to do.

Resolution #59 Approve Wesson to Pay All Fines Due

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #59 was adopted. It was resolved to approve Wesson to pay all fines due. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Murray nay, Hilton nay. 3 Aye 2 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #60 Approve Monthly Statement of Supervisor

Motion by Council Member Hilton seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #60 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Monthly Statement of Supervisor. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray abstain. 4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstain.

Resolution #61 Approve Payment of the Bills on Abstract #5

Motion by Councilman Kiefer seconded by Councilman Soukup Resolution #61 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the payment of the bills on abstract #5 in the amount of \$26,475.37 for the General Fund and \$19,550.13 for the Highway Fund with a total of \$46,025.50. Roll Call of Votes: Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye, Soukup aye, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Public Comments??

Supervisor Murray stated that the County has the road side clean up coming up and it was up to the highway department if they wanted to do it. Superintendent Flansburg stated no they were too busy.

Barry Dye, Fremont Fire Chief stated that the Fire Department will be signing the ambulance contract with Hornell this week.

Council Member Kiefer stated that the speed by KC's is becoming dangerous. Is there anything that can be done and it was mentioned that it could fall back onto the Clymo's. No further discussion on this matter was done.

Mary Soukup asked if anyone checked on Betsey Farley and she was told that some of the Board members have spoken with her. She just wanted to make sure she was alright.

Jonathan Burns asked what happened with the excavator from last month and Supervisor Murray stated that they had to pay it and there was no warranty covering it.

Supervisor Murray motioned to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM

Susan M. Peck
Fremont Town Clerk