

September 9, 2025

Special Hearing

6:30PM

The Fremont Town Board held a Special Hearing at the Town Hall on September 9, 2025 regarding the Assessor Position.

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

Absent: Town Board: Council Member Kiefer

Residents were allowed to talk for 2 minutes at the podium. The residents that spoke were Janet Olin, Shawn Laverde, Cynthia Herbert, and Dan Hammond

There were no other comments so Supervisor Murray ended the meeting at 6:45pm with all in favor.

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Regular Town Board Meeting

7:00PM

The Fremont Town Board held its Regular Town Board Meeting at the Town Hall on September 9, 2025 at 7:00pm.

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

Absent: Town Board: Council Member Dean Kiefer

Other Public Officials: Domenica Burns, ZBA; Tom Flansburg, Highway Superintendent

There were 24 attendees present

Supervisor Murray read the submitted reports.

Reports of Public Officials were read and are on file: Justice Madeleine Seaman, Assessor Holley Smalt, Chuck Cagle, Code Enforcement Officer, Debra Matthews, Dog Control Officer. No paper report for Highway Department.

Highway Superintendent Flansburg gave his report that they have been working on Hungry Hollow and Pinchen Road. He submitted a quote for a new plow for the 2006 Mack and hoped it would be approved tonight. He also asked about the Fracking Law and nothing has been done as of yet.

Code Enforcement Office Cagle arrived late and gave his report.

Domenica Burns, ZBA stated no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Murray asked if there were any changes to the August 12, 2025 minutes. None were submitted.

Resolution #195 Approve the Minutes from August 12, 2025

Motion by Council Member Hilton seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #195 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Minutes from August 12, 2025. Roll Call of Votes: Soukup aye, Smith aye, Hilton aye, Murray abstains. 3 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstain

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Murray stated that the 2026 Budget Meeting was held at Baldwins. There will be a 19% reduction in taxes in 2026 which may work out to be approximately \$165 per \$100,000.

The Fire Department Budget will be reviewed at the budget workshop.

Contract for Baldwins Services for 2026: \$9800 for Town Accounting and \$2300 for Payroll Services

Resolution #196 Approve Baldwins Services for 2026

Motion by Council Member Smith seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #196 was adopted: Resolved to approve the Baldwins Services for 2026. Roll Call of Votes: Smith aye, Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

A date was finalized for the Budget Workshop on October 7, 2025 at 6pm.

Resolution #197 Approve Meeting and Ad for the Budget Workshop on October 7, 2025

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #197 was adopted. Resolved to Approve the ad and date for the Budget workshop on October 7, 2025. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #198 Approve Meeting and Ad for Public Hearing for 2026 Town Budget on October 14, 2025 at 6:30pm

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Supervisor Murray Resolution #198 was adopted. Resolved to Approve the Meeting and Ad Public Hearing Regarding the 2026 Town Budget. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 1 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #199 Approve the Purchase of 10 Tables at \$71.98 each from Lowes

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Council Member Hilton Resolution #199 was adopted. Resolved to Approve the Purchase of 10 tables at \$71.98 each from Lowes. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Hilton aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

A short discussion began regarding the Assessor appointment. Mr. David Weeks, Greenwood Assessor, was asked questions and he responded with very helpful information regarding an assessor's job.

Resolution #200 Appoint Holley Smalt as Assessor for a 6-year term 10/8/2025-10/7/2031

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #200 was adopted. Resolved to Appoint Holley Smalt as Assessor for a 6-year term of 10/8/2025-10/7/2031. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #201 Appoint Lawrence G. Ebert to Board of Assessment Review for a term of 10/1/2025-9/30/2030

Motion by Council Member Smith seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #201 was adopted. Resolved to appoint Lawrence G. Ebert as Board of Assessment Review member for a term of 10/1/2025-9/30-2030. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

2006 Mack Truck – Superintendent Flansburg wants to purchase a plow for this truck to help in the winter.

The sealed bids were opened by Supervisor Murray and read out loud.

Ryan Batte \$5335.00

Karr Dairy \$12,600.00

Lismore Dairy \$12,550.00

Goodrich \$8,008.00

Benjamin Houghtaling \$11,371.42

Resolution #202 Accept the Sealed Bid of \$12,600.00 from Karr Farms for the 1980 Peterbilt Truck

Motion by Council Member Hilton seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #202 was adopted. Resolved to Accept the Sealed Bid of \$12, 600 from Karr Farms for the 1980 Peterbilt Truck. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Hilton aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #203 Approve Wilbri Quote for 2006 Mack Truck Sander

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #203 was adopted. Resolved to Approve the Quote for 2006 Mack Truck Sander \$33,521.60 . Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #204 Approve Monthly Statement of Supervisor

Motion by Council Member Hilton seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #116 was adopted. Resolved to Approve the End of the Executive Session and Return to Regular Meeting. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #205 Approve Payment of Bills on Abstract #9

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Supervisor Murray Resolution #205 was adopted. Resolved to Approve Payment of the Bills on Abstract #9. General Fund \$8,082.07 Highway Fund \$19,734.62 Totaling \$27,816.69. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Hilton aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Public Comments:

Bryce Foster, former employee of Stueben County Department of Public Works for many years. He spoke of the experiences he had within the County and stated that the highway department being the largest cost for the Town.

Janet Olin resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective today.

Supervisor asked if there was anyone interested in the ZBA or Planning Board.

Neil Burley asked why Town Residents are fined by the Code Enforcement Office for starting a job before the building permit has been completed? Supervisor Murray will look into it.

Janet Olin asked why a drug and alcohol test was not done when the 2006 Mack was totaled. Council Member Hilton stated that it should be done every time. Is this an insurance thing?

Supervisor Murray motioned to end the meeting all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM

Susan M. Peck

Fremont Town Clerk