

The Fremont Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on February 10, 2026 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: Tom Flansburg, Highway Superintendent

Attorney Seth Pullen attended

Number of Attendees 5

Old Business:

Supervisor Murray asked if there were any corrections or changes to the Minutes from January 13, 2026

Resolution #16 Approve the Minutes from January 13, 2026 Town Board Meeting

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #16 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the minutes from January 13, 2026 Town Board Meeting. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye, Smith abstain. 4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstain.

Reports:

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

Superintendent Flansburg stated the crew was doing misc. work at the town barn, they are mixing salt and sand for the roads. The fire department would like the old heater at the town barn on route 21. They will send someone down to look at it to see if it will work for them. Superintendent Flansburg explained the radar system for speeding on town roads and a discussion began.

Resolution #17 Approve to Donate the Old Heater from Town Bard on Route 21 to Fire Department

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #17 was adopted. It was resolved to approve to Donate the Old Heater from Town Barn on Route 21 to Fire Department. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

New Business:

A discussion began regarding the Salt and Sand Policy. The Attorney Seth Pullen stated that it is a NY State law restricting and municipality from giving town property to residents.

Resolution #18 Rescind the Salt and Sand Policy

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

Resolution #19 Approve the Janitorial/Maintenance Rules

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Supervisor Murray Resolution #19 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Janitorial/Maintenance Rules. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #20 Approve the No Smoking Policy

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #20 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 #21 Approve the Cell Phone Policy

Motion by Council Member Hilton seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #21 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 #22 Approve the Historical Records Policy

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Supervisor Murray Resolution #22 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.

Resolution #23 Approve Procurement Policy

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #23 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Procurement Policy. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #24 Approve Drug Policy

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #24 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.

Resolution #25 Approve the Internet & Acceptable Use Policy

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Council Member Hilton Resolution #25 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Internet & Acceptable Use Policy. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Hilton aye, Smith aye, Murray aye, Soukup aye.
5 Aye 0 Nay 0

A discussion began regarding the Town Clerk/Tax Collector audit. It was stated by Attorney Pullen that it did not need to be a full audit just a general review of the records. This will not need to be done every year by Baldwins.

Resolution #26 Approve to Have Baldwins Review the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Records for 2025

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Hilton Resolution #26 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Fire Contract for 2025 at \$51,000. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

A discussion began regarding a moratorium on Solar Power and Battery Storage within the Town of Fremont. It was decided to do a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30PM

Resolution #27 Approve to Place an Ad for a Public Hearing Regarding Moratorium on Commercial Solar Energy Systems and Energy Storage Systems within the Town of Fremont

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #27 was adopted. It was resolved to Approve the Placement of Ad for a Public Hearing Regarding a Moratorium on Commercial Solar Energy Systems and Energy Storage Systems with the Town of Fremont. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

A discussion began regarding increasing the Justice District. Attorney Pullen suggested that the Board contact the Towns/Villages where their current Justice resides over to see if they would like to combine.

Resolution #28 Approve the Statement of the Supervisor

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #28 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Statement of the Supervisor. Roll Call of Votes: Murray abstain, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstain.

Resolution #29 Approval to Pay the Bills on Abstract #2

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Councilman Kiefer Resolution #29 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the payment of the Bills on Abstract #2 in the amount of \$100118.92 for General Fund and \$58391.93 for Highway Fund with a total of \$158510.85. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Soukup aye, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Supervisor Murray asked Attorney Pullen if he new anything about this NYS Department of Labor where the Town must request a PRC number for all construction like-labor conducted. He was not aware but will look into it.

Public Comments??

Jeff Kilbury asked about the fines for speeding regarding the months without any data backup. Attorney Pullen will be working on this.

A discussion began regarding the turbines with multiple health complaints and what the process was to make complaints. Residents may call 844-833-9145 or by writing an email to baroninfo@rwe.com Mailing complaints to 353 North Clark Street Suite#3000, Chicago IL 60654. Complaint forms are available at the Town Clerk's office.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 PM

*Susan M. Peck
Fremont Town Clerk*