

March 10, 2026

Public Hearing

6:30 PM

The Fremont Town Board held a Public Hearing regarding a One Year Moratorium on Commercial Solar Energy Systems and Energy Storage Systems in the Town of Fremont. The Town Supervisor was advised by the Steuben County Planning Department that the request was denied. The Moratorium will be sent to the Town's Attorney for additional information to be added to the Moratorium.

There were 8 attendees.

The attendees offered suggestions as to what should be added to the Moratorium.

The Hearing was adjourned at 6:46PM

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Regular Town Board Meeting

7:00 PM

The Fremont Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on March 11, 2026 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, Council Member Cindy Smith

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

There were 11 people attending the board meeting

Reports:

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

Highway Superintendent Tom Flansburg reported that his crew were working on seasonal roads cleanup since the weather has been good.

Domenica Burns, ZBA stated that there is nothing new to report on.

Old Business:

Resolution #30 Approve the Minutes from February 10, 2026

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Supervisor Murray Resolution #30 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Minutes from February 10, 2026. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

New Business:

Resolution #31 Approve Investment Policy

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #31 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Investment Policy. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #32 Approve the Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Council Member Hilton Resolution #32 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #33 Approve the Workplace Violence Policy

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #33 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Workplace Violence Policy. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #34 Approve the Town Hall Rental Policy

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #34 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Town Hall Rental Policy. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #35 Approve the Grievance Policy

Motion by Council Member Smith seconded by Council Member Hilton Resolution #35 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Grievance Policy. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #36 Approve the Health Emergency Plan

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #36 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Health Emergency Plan. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #37 Appoint Dr. Bruce MacKellar as Local Health Officer for Fremont Term 1/1/2026-12/31/30

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #37 was adopted. It was resolved to appoint Dr. Bruce MacKellar as Local Health Office for Fremont Term 1/1/2026-12/31/30. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

The Local Law 1 of 2026 – the One Year Moratorium on Commercial Solar Energy Systems and Energy Storage Systems in the Town of Fremont was tabled until next month so that more information could be added to the law from the attorney due to Steuben County Planning Board denying the request.

Resolution #38 Approve Purchase of New 2500 Truck from Park Maple City CDJR for \$44,975 and Plow for \$1000 with a \$3,000 deposit

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #38 was adopted. It was resolved to approve purchase of a new 2500 Truck from Park Maple City CDJR for \$44,975 and Plow for \$1000 with a deposit of 3,000. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Hilton nay, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 1 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #39 Approve the Shared Services Agreement with Steuben County

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #39 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Shared Services Agreement with Steuben County. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer any, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain

Resolution #40 Approve the Statement of Supervisor Report for February 2026

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #40 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Statement of Supervisor Report for February 2026. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray abstain. 4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstain.

Resolution #41 Approve to Pay the Bills

Motion by Council Member Smith seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #41 was adopted. It was resolved to approve to Pay the Bills. \$12,998.24 General Fund; \$24,554.13 Highway Fund; Totaling \$38,552.37. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer ay, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Superintendent Flansburg talked about the rumor regarding health effects from the windmills and that it is true and read information supplied by the wind company regarding how to file complaints and how the process works. He suggested that the Town Board send a letter to regarding the sickness to appropriate legislatures.

Supervisor Murray agreed with Superintendent Flansburg since she has had to move out of her home due to the effects from the windmills on her and her husband's health.

A discussion began regarding the windmills and their effects.

Resolution #42 Move to Executive Session with Town Clerk

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #42 was adopted. It was resolved to move to Executive Session with the Town Clerk. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #43 End Executive Session and Resume Regular Meeting

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #43 was adopted. It was resolved to End Executive Session and Resume Regular Meeting. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #44 Approve to have Attorney Wisnewski do a Resolution Letter for the Town Board to Various Government Officials and Local Towns asking for help

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #44 was adopted. It was resolved to approve a resolution letter by Attorney Wisnewski to be sent to government officials and local towns asking for help Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Supervisor Murray moved to adjourn meeting. All were in Favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM

Susan M. Peck
Town Clerk