

April 14, 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 approved with minor spelling and spacing corrections.

There were 7 attendees.

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

The Hearing was adjourned at 6:54PM

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Regular Town Board Meeting

7:00 PM

The Fremont Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on April 14, 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 Mary Soukup, Council Member Seth Hilton and Council Member Dean Kiefer

Absent: 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 grading roads, light ditching and cleaning up limbs off roads due to the high winds

Domenica Burns, ZBA was absent but sent notice that there is nothing new to report on.

Old Business:

Resolution #45 Approve the Correction to Abstract #3

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Supervisor Murray Resolution #45 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Correction to Abstract #3 adding \$84.53 to the General Fund making a new total of \$13,998.24. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #46 Approve the Minutes from the Public Hearing on March 10, 2026

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Council Member Hilton Resolution #46 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Minutes from the Public Hearing on March 10, 2026. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #47 Approve the Minutes from March 10, 2026 Town Board Meeting

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #47 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Minutes from the March 10, 2026 Town Board Meeting. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

New Business:

A discussion began regarding the one-year moratorium on commercial solar energy systems and energy storage systems in the Town of Fremont.

Resolution #48 Approve Local Law #1 of 2026 One Year Moratorium on Commercial Solar Energy Systems and Energy Storage Systems

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #48 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Local Law #1 of 2026 One Year Moratorium on Commercial Solar Energy Systems and Energy Storage Systems. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #49 Approve the Security Camera Policy

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Hilton Resolution #49 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Security Camera Policy. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Hilton aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #50 Approve to Close the Town Clerk Office from April 28 – May 31, 2026

Motion by Supervisor Emily Murray seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #50 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Closing of the Town Clerk Office from April 28 – May 31, 2026. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Supervisor Murray stated that she would not be able to attend the May 12, 2026 and wanted to know if the Board wanted to move it to Thursday or have the Deputy Supervisor, Cindy Smith lead the meeting. The Board agreed to have the Deputy run the meeting on May 12, 2026.

A discussion began regarding the hiring of Wendel for helping with the Moratorium. It was decided to have the Board work on the law and then ask Wendel for a quote to review and do the seqr.

A discussion began regarding the property lines down at the town bard on Route 21. Council Member Smith and her husband (a retired surveyor) will be meeting with the Hendees to discuss these property lines.

Resolution #51 Accept the Resignation of James Puffer as Janitorial/Maintenance Person and Place an ad in the Shopper for the position again

Motion by Supervisor Emily Murray seconded by Council Member Hilton Resolution #51 was adopted. It was resolved to accept the Resignation of James Puffer as Janitorial/Maintenance Person and Place an ad in the Shopper for the position again. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #52 Approve the Statement of Supervisor Report for March 2026

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Hilton Resolution #52 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Statement of Supervisor Report for March 2026. Roll Call of Votes: Hilton aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Murray abstain. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #53 Approve to Pay the Bills

Motion by Council Member Smith seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #53 was adopted. It was resolved to approve to Pay the Bills. \$16,722.84 General Fund; \$19,340.77 Highway Fund; Totaling \$36,063.61. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer ay, Hilton aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Superintendent Flansburg suggested that the Association of Towns attorney Lori Mithen-Demasi be contacted for like laws regarding the solar moratorium.

Ryan Batte asked if Sam Hendee requested the property lines be reviewed. Supervisor Murray stated it was just for the Town's information.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Susan M. Peck
Town Clerk