

The Fremont Town Board held their Regular Town Board Meeting on May 14, 2024 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 and Council Member Seth Hilton and Council Member Mary Soukup

Absent: Town Board: Council Member Seth Hilton

Other Public Officials Present: Domenica Burns, ZBA, Highway Superintendent Tom Flansburg, Chuck Cagle, Code Enforcement Officer

There were 8 people that attended the meeting.

Jason Dagger from RWE was in attendance as well.

Reports of Public Officials submitted and on file: Highway Superintendent Tom Flansburg, 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, ditching and grading roads as the weather permits. The 284 Agreement has been amended due to the State finalizing the budget and the Highway Department has the figures needed go forward with the plan on the roads. *Supervisor Murray asked about the excavator whether it has been sold or not. Officially it has not but there is a bid for \$16,500. She also asked about the truck, it has not been sold yet but the person interested in the excavator also may buy the truck once he gets here to look at it.*

Superintendent Flansburg asked about the logging law and Supervisor Murray stated that it was tabled. Council Member Kiefer asked how much longer were we going to table it before we do something. It's been on the books for months. Supervisor Murray said if the Board wanted to move forward with it? We can add it to the agenda for later in the meeting.

Old Business:

Resolution #41 Approve the Correction to April 2024 Abstract #4

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #41 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the correction to the April 2024 Abstract #4 with General Account increased to \$13,509.18 from \$9,952.04 due to Office of Controller and Douglas Odell vouchers. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Soukup aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #42 Approve the Minutes from the April 9, 2024 Town Board Meeting

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #42 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2024 Town Board Meeting. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

New Business:

Supervisor Murray asked for an update from Council Members Smith and Soukup regarding the Town Clerk Audit. *Council Member Smith stated that it went fine all was in order. Council Member Soukup stated we had questions but they were answered.*

Supervisor Murray updated the Board on the Comprehensive Plan. The Town Clerk has gone through it and updated it. Supervisor Murray is updating the map section. Once the maps are in place then the whole document will be sent to the Board to review for the next meeting.

Supervisor Murray stated that Pelham Electric is planning on beginning the electrical project at the Town Barn on Town Barn Road sometime next week. They will contact Tom regarding the start date.

A discussion began regarding the Jobs Corners project.

Resolution #43 Approve the Jobs Corners Project

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Smith Resolution #43 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the go ahead on the Jobs Corners Project. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

A discussion began regarding the Phase I Road Repair Agreement. Jason Dagger explained the Phase II insert in the agreement.

Resolution #44 Move to Executive Session

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #44 was adopted. It was resolved to move to an executive session. Roll Call of Votes: Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Resolution #45 Invite the Highway Superintendent to the Executive Session

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #45 was adopted. It was resolved to invite Superintendent Flansburg to the executive session. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye.

Resolution #46 Resume Regular Meeting

Motion by Supervisor Murray seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #46 was adopted. It was resolved to resume the regular board meeting. Roll Call of Votes: Kiefer aye, Soukup aye, Smith aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Supervisor Murray stated that the Board will meet with the Town Attorney to discuss this insert to the agreement within a week with a tentative date of May 22nd. Jason Dagger stated that he will set up a plan to schedule the construction of the roads tentatively in case the agreement is not signed. A short discussion began regarding the timing of the document to the Board.

Resolution #47 Approve the Amendments to the 284 Agreement

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Supervisor Murray Resolution #47 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the amendment to the 284 agreement for 2024. Roll Call of Votes: Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

A short discussion began regarding the logging law. Supervisor Murray will send the logging law to the County for approval.

Resolution #48 Approve to send the Logging Law to the County

Motion by Council Member Smith seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #48 was adopted. It was resolved to approve sending the logging law to the County. Roll Call of Votes: Murray aye, Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Copies of the three contractor quotes for a heat pump system was given to the Board to review for next month. Supervisor Murray stated that once a decision was made on which contractor to use, she would contact ARPA for approval.

Resolution #49 Approve Payment of the Bills on Abstract #5

Motion by Councilman Kiefer seconded by Councilman Soukup Resolution #49 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the payment of the bills on abstract #5 in the amount of \$4,657.79 for the General Fund and \$9,327.24 for the Highway Fund with a total of \$13,985.03. Roll Call of Votes: Smith aye, Kiefer aye, Murray aye, Soukup aye. 4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Council Member Kiefer stated that they need to replace the flag pole in front of the Town Hall. The current one is beyond repair. He stated that he will contact some companies to look into replacing it. He will email the information.

Public Comments??

Superintendent Flansburg asked about the status of the highway agreement. Supervisor Murray stated that the Board does not accept the changes that Shawn Smith made.

Domenica Burns stated that the Planning Board and the ZBA will have some map changes coming in the near future. She also stated that the two boards are working together and that the last map was not handled in the right order. She also asked if the Town has someone that can invest large amounts of money to benefit the town. Supervisor Murray stated that she invests in CDs and feels safe doing this.

Ryan Batte asked about the mill stone under the flag pole. He would hate to see the mill stone go away. It was a big deal with a dedication at the time of installation. Council Member Kiefer stated that it would not be removed due to possible damage. It was decided that the flag pole would be moved to the other side of the Town Hall.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:28PM

*Susan M. Peck
Fremont Town Clerk*