

The Fremont Town Board held a Special Town Board Meeting on September 24, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Emily Murray called the Meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance

**Present: Town Board:** Supervisor Emily Murray, Council Member Cynthia Smith, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Soukup and Council Member Kiefer.

**Other Town Officials Present:** Thomas Flansburg, Superintendent of Highways and Domenica Burns, ZBA

**Other Attendees:** James Muscato, Young & Sommer counsel for Baron Wind

There were 8 attendees

A discussion began regarding the On-Site Monitor quotes for the Baron Winds II Project. After a lengthy discussion the Board decided to table the monitor until next month's meeting. Supervisor Murray will contact Attorney Seth Pullen to contact the vendors to request more details and the Board added a few additional requirements.

Supervisor Murray notified the Board that we are having trouble filling the positions on the ZBA. We could possibly eliminate the Planning Board and just have the ZBA. The Town Board would have to take over the responsibilities of the Planning Board since we cannot find people for the ZBA. We could ask Greg Sikosek if he could move one of his members to the ZBA. *Council Member Kiefer said try it and see.* Supervisor Murray said this is something we need to think about. It was suggested to pay them. *Domenica Burns stated that she has someone interested in the spot on the ZBA. However, this person has a conflict of interest.* It was mentioned that there is a local law on nepotism. *Domenica stated that she was told at a training session that you could combine both groups.* Supervisor Murray told her that was incorrect. *Shawn Smith said that he would do it temporarily.*

Attorney James Muscato, representing Baron Wind Phase II, spoke in length about the Road Agreement and the Decommissioning regarding Baron Winds Phase II and wanting both of these items to be approved at this meeting. The Town Board wanted the on-site monitor to review both of these items before it can be approved.

The Town Board went line by line through the 2025 proposed budget. Below are the suggested changes.

The Legislative Board will go from \$8000 to \$12,000  
The Justice will go from \$8,500 to \$9,500  
Baldwins Services will go from \$8,500 to \$9,300  
Assessment Expenditures will go from \$1,200 to \$800  
Assessor will go from \$12,895 to \$13,410  
Town Clerk will go from \$12,750 to \$13,250  
Clerk Expenditures will go from \$2,275 to \$2,000  
Town Highway Superintendent will go from \$51,000 to \$54,000  
Deputy Highway Superintendent will go from \$500 to \$600  
Clothing Allowance will go from \$1,200 to \$1,500

Pay increases for the Highway Crew MEOs will go from \$23.50 to \$25.00 per hour  
Pay increase for Laborer will go from \$18 to \$20 per hour

Superintendent Flansburg wants an on-call snow plow driver at \$23.50/hour until January 1<sup>st</sup> then \$25/hour

Superintendent Flansburg stated they need a new roller and gave a quote to the Town Supervisor. It is a 2001 used model.

Supervisor Murray stated that the tax rate is at zero percent.

Council Member Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting – all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

*Susan M. Peck  
Fremont Town Clerk*