

**January 14, 2025**

**Organization and Regular Town Board Meeting**

**7:00**

The Fremont Town Board held their Organization Meeting and Regular Town Board Meeting on January 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Fremont Town Hall.

Supervisor Emily Murray was absent so Deputy Supervisor Cindy Smith called the Meeting to order at 7 PM; led the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Soukup gave the Invocation.

A moment of silence was given for Roger Baker who recently passed away.

Present: Town Board: Deputy Supervisor Cindy Smith, Council Member Mary Soukup, Council Member Dean Kiefer

Absent: Supervisor Emily Murray and Council Member Seth Hilton

Other Public Officials Present: Chuck Cagle, Code Enforcement Officer

Public attending was 7

**Old Business:**

**Resolution #1 Approve the Minutes from December 10, 2024**

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Council Member Kiefer Resolution #1 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the minutes from December 10, 2024 Meeting. Roll Call of Votes: Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye. 3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

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

Superintendent Flansburg did not attend so there was no reporting.

Shawn Smith and Mary Ann McManus both resigned from the ZBA

**Organizational Meeting:**

**Resolution #2 Approval for Supervisor Emily Murray to Transfer Funds and Sign Checks**

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #2 was adopted. It was resolved to approve Town Supervisor to Transfer Funds and Sign Checks. Roll Call of Votes: Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Smith aye. 3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

**Resolution #3 Approve Supervisor Emily Murray to do Banking at Community Bank**

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Deputy Supervisor Cindy Smith Resolution #3 was adopted. It was resolved to approve Town Supervisor Emily Murray to do Banking at Community Bank. Roll Call of Votes: Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye. 3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

**Resolution #4 Approve Supervisor Emily Murray to do Banking at Five Star Bank**

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #4 was adopted. It was resolved to approve Supervisor Emily Murray to do Banking at Five Star Bank. Roll Call of Votes: Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Smith aye. 3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

**Resolution #5 Approve Supervisor Emily Murray to Invest Town Funds**

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #5 was adopted. It was resolved to approve Supervisor Emily Murray to Invest Town Funds. Roll Call of Votes: Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye. 3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

The approvals for Council Member Smith to become Deputy Supervisor for 2025 and the ability to transfer town funds and sign checks was tabled until next month.

**Resolution #6 Authorize the Tax Collector to turn Tax Money over to the Town Supervisor Weekly**

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #6 was adopted. It was resolved to authorize the Tax Collector to turn tax money over to the Town Supervisor weekly. Roll Call of Votes: Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye. 3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

**Resolution #7 Approve Salaries of Elected Officials for 2025**

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #7 was adopted. It was resolved to approve Salaries for Elected Officials for 2025. Roll Call of Votes: Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Smith aye. 3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

*Supervisor	\$7,200.00
*Councilperson (3) @	\$3,000.00 each
* Councilperson Soukup	\$2,000.00
*Town Clerk /Tax Collector	\$13,250.00
*Town Justice	\$10,000.00
*Highway Superintendent	\$54,000.00

**Resolution #8 Approve One Year Appointments and Their Salaries for 2025 Term**

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #8 was adopted. It was resolved to approve One Year Appointments and Their Salaries for 2025. Roll Call of Votes: Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Smith aye. 3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Term of 1/1/2025-12/31/2025

* Attorney for the Town- Richardson & Pullen -	\$200.00 per Hour
* Historian Cindy Smith-	\$00

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* Dog Control Officer Debra Matthews	\$3,800.00
* Assistant DCO Michael Matthews	\$1,000.00
*Code Enforcement Officer Charles Cagle	\$5,000.00
*** (includes mileage and cell phone)	
*House Keeper Susan Peck	\$15.50 per hour
*Record Manager Officer Susan Peck	
*Records Advisory Board: Susan Peck, Cindy Smith	
*Budget Officer Emily Murray	
*Mail Clerk Susan Peck	
*Newspaper Reporter Supervisor Emily Murray	
*Baldwin Services for Accounting	\$9,300.00
*Baldwin Services for Payroll	\$2,300.00
*IT- Ed's Computers Hourly Rate as needed	
*Health Officer-Dr Mackellar	\$410.00 per year
*Registrar of Vital Statistics -Susan Peck -	\$500.00 per year
*Deputy Highway Superintendent- John Robords	\$600.00 per year
* Assessor Holley Smalt-	\$13,410.00
*Board of Assessment Review Chair-	\$30.00 per hour
*Board of Assessment Review 2 Members @	\$25.00 per hour

**Resolution #9 Approve Organization and How Often Salaries are Paid for 2025**

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #9 was adopted. It was resolved to approve Organization and How Often Salaries are Paid for 2025. Roll Call of Votes: Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye. 3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

\*Monthly Town Board Meeting- Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM Fremont Town Hall

\*Official Newspaper- The Spectator / The Shopper

\*Official Bank- Community Bank/Five Star

\* Mileage Rate **70** cents per mile (2025 Federal Rate)

\*Salaries Paid: **Bi Weekly:** Superintendent of Highways, Highway Employees, and Town Clerk / Tax Collector

\*Salaries Paid: **Monthly:** Supervisor, Assessor, Dog Control Officer, Deputy Dog Control Officer, Justice, Code Enforcement Officer

\*Salaries Paid: **Quarterly:** Councilmen, Registrar, Deputy Supervisor, and Accountant / Payroll, Deputy Highway Superintendent

\*Salaries Paid: **Annually:** Health Officer

\*Salaries Paid: **Hourly:** Housekeeper, Board of Assessment Review members, Town Attorney

**Regular Meeting:**

**Resolution #10 Authorize the Audit of the Justice Court Records for 2024 by Baldwin Services for \$600.00**

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Council Member Soukup Resolution #10 was adopted. It was resolved to authorize the Audit of the Justice Court Records for 2024 by Baldwin Services for \$600.00. Roll Call of Votes: Soukup aye, Smith aye, Kiefer aye. 3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

The 284 Agreement was tabled until next month.

**Resolution #11 Approve the Statement of Supervisor**

Motion by Council Member Soukup seconded by Deputy Supervisor Smith Resolution #11 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the Statement of Supervisor. Roll Call of Votes: Smith aye, Soukup aye, Kiefer aye. 3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

**Resolution #12 Approve to Pay Bills – Abstract #1 Highway \$102,429.61, General \$23,952.58**

Motion by Council Member Kiefer seconded by Deputy Supervisor Smith Resolution #12 was adopted. It was resolved to approve the payment of bills on Abstract #1 in the total amount of \$126,382.19. Roll Call of Votes: Soukup aye, Kiefer aye, Smith aye. 3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain.

Public Comments??

Carol Burns stated that Larry Jones will be by on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> to look at the mural in the meeting room for the Historical Society.

Jason Dagger stated that they agreed to all the concerns and recommendations of the town; Tom's requests to pave four roads, BWII is not prepared to agree to that. These are post-construction and should not be a part of it.

Ryan Batte asked what the attorney fees have totaled this year and he was told \$6600.00

Jessica Klami stated that she thinks they were close but then more changes were added.

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Ryan Batte asked Jessica Klami what the next step would be if an agreement is not reached. She stated potential litigation. He also asked about Mary Soukup's raise or lack of and she stated it was a personal reasons.

With no other business, Deputy Supervisor Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Richard Stewart asked about the mural and he was told it was taken down to install the heat pump and would not fit back up there afterwards.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM

*Susan M. Peck*  
*Fremont Town Clerk*