

A Public Hearing on June 14, 2004 was called to order by Vice-president Ron Sullins at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment on establishment of Economic Revitalization area in the Town of Fremont.

David Koenig of Region III –A presented Resolution 2004-13 for Town Council consideration. Ron called for comments. David briefly explained the significance of the Economic Revitalization Area. Greg Stroh moved to approve Resolution 2004-13 establishing the area. Second by Lori Vaughn. All in favor.

Public Hearing closed at 6:41 p.m.

Vice-president Ron Sullins then convened a second public hearing to receive public comment on a request of New Horizon to waive certain requirements for tax abatements.

Proposed Resolution 2004-14 was then introduced concerning New Horizon's request for tax abatement. The company was requesting to be granted a waiver after construction had begun. Lori Vaughn questioned why construction would begin before the abatement request would be given. Since there had been personnel change and the RDC had not met yet were reasons given. Ron Sullins asked for public comment. Greg Stroh made a motion to grant the waiver. Second by Lori Vaughn. All in favor. Public hearing closed at 6:52 p.m.

Vice- president Ron Sullins convened the regular council meeting directly following the closing of the public hearing.

Silent roll call: Greg Stroh, Ronald Sullins, Joe Thomas and Loraine Vaughn were present. Loretta Smart was absent.

Others representing the town were:

Mary K. Parsons - Clerk Treasurer

Brad Everhardt - Town Attorney

Martha Hagerty – Court Judge

Larry Elzey – Police Department

Daniel Frasier – Street Superintendent

Jim Humbarger – Wastewater Superintendent

Steve Gard – Water Superintendent

Eric Hufnagle – Fire Chief

Teri Steele – Administrative Clerk

Lon Keyes- Park

Chris Snyder

Others attending were: David Koenig, Jerry Foster, and Yvonne Schroeder.

Lori Vaughn moved to approve the minutes from the past 5 meetings. Second by Greg Stroh. All in favor.

Greg Stroh moved to approve the claims as presented and add the request for Jackson Builders for \$50,000.00 contingent upon approval of the Town Engineer. Second by Lori Vaughn. All in favor.

Old Business:

Brad discussed the refunding of sewage works revenue bonds. The closing is set for June 24, 2004 and there may be a need to have a special meeting. Brad suggested that the council delegate authority to Loretta Smart as the President of the Council to sign on Council's behalf. Motion by Lori Vaughn. Second by Greg Stroh. All in favor.

Brad Everhardt and David Koenig gave an update on the by-pass. The deadline for the application is July 23, 2004 and they were sure this would not be able to be extended. They have requested to be on the agenda for the Steuben County Commissioners meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss the by-pass and a proposed agreement for the maintenance and control of the by-pass. The town will need to match the grant and this can be done through the infrastructure being added by the wastewater plant, bonding or possible TIF revenue.

New Business: Metaldyne was not on the agenda since the RDC had not met.

Jerry Foster with the Housing Authority presented a drawing for the council to consider placement of a generator. They need access to the 30' x 40' parcel they are now utilizing for their generator. Brad suggested a license to use property and maintenance agreement with Andy's approval. Motion by Joe Thomas. Second by Lori Vaughn. All in favor.

Ordinance 2004-14 amending the salary ordinance. Motion by Greg Stroh to approve. Second by Lori Vaughn. All in favor. Motion by Lori Vaughn to waive the second reading. Second by Greg Stroh. All in favor.

Jennifer Larose with the Zion Missionary Church asked permission to have 3 "strongmen" pull a semi in the town in conjunction with Musicfest. They are trying to set a Guinness world record. Permission has been granted by the Fremont Chamber of Commerce. They would like to use the prospective route of E Spring Street to Tillitson Street to North Street across Coldwater Street and end at 827. They will be pulling a band with music playing. Motion by Greg Stroh to approve. Second by Lori Vaughn. All in favor.

Loretta arrived. The gavel was passed to President Loretta Smart for the remainder of the meeting.

Musicfest July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The town has had free garage sales in the past. Motion by Ron Sullins to grant free garage sales from July 3 through July 10<sup>th</sup>. Second by Lori Vaughn. All in favor.

Motion by Ron Sullins to close off North Wayne Street and Pleasant Street at 3:00 p.m. on Friday July 9th through July 11th Sunday morning. Second by Lori Vaughn. All in favor.

Ron Sullins would like to adopt the logo that the Chamber currently uses as the town Logo to use on letterhead, signs, etc. It was suggested that the eagle be more refined. Ron Sullins will work with Andy Stroh on the design.

Larry Elzy with the Fremont Police Department requested the purchase of Stop Sticks. They would like to purchase 5 but would be happy with 2. Motion by Ron Sullins to approve the purchase of 2 sets of stop sticks from the restricted police fund at \$678.00 for the 2. Second by Greg Stroh. All in favor.

Resolution 2004-15 rent appropriation for court and police creating a line item of rent and transfer funds into the appropriation. Motion by Joe Thomas. Second by Greg Stroh. All in favor.

Motion by Lori Vaughn to approve the sweeping contract with the State and for Loretta to sign the contract. Second by Greg Stroh. All in favor.

The quotes were opened for the Chipper box	Swagger Communications	\$3,535.00	
	Higbee Welding	\$1,742.44	
The quotes were opened for the mower	Halmark	\$13,500.00	
	Trade-in	1,500.00	
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		\$12,000.00	
	Storr	24hp	12,175.00
		31hp	13,525.00

Motion by Joe Thomas to table quotes until the next meeting. Second by Lori Vaughn. All in favor.

Gary Nielander from the Steuben County Economic Development Commission reported the organization had good traffic at the booth for the industrial conference at Pokagon and just wanted to give an update on this.

Sidewalk funding – Joe Thomas moved to table until Chris Snyder came on board to research all the avenues. Second by Lori Vaughn. All in favor.

Discussion on paying personal days and vacations days after termination. Ron Sullins moved to pay vacation days but not allow the payment of personal days. Second by Lori Vaughn. All in favor.

Firefighters pay – They are currently on a point system. They received \$3.38 per point in 2003 and they get paid 2 times a year: once in June and once in December. They are requesting that the points be worth \$4.00 per point. Brad Everhardt, Town Attorney suggested that the Volunteer Firefighters receive a 1099 for the year of 2004. Motion by Joe Thomas to approve to the \$4.00 per point for payment in June and December as well as Brad Everhardt, town attorneys suggestion that they receive a 1099 at the end of the year. Second by Ron Sullins. Motion by Ron to amend the aforementioned motion to include \$100.00 pay to the President - \$100 to the Secretary/Treasurer. All in favor.

Reports: Court –submitted nothing to add.

Police –submitted, nothing to add.

Street –submitted. Nothing to add.

Sewer –submitted. Lost heating unit in office. Would like permission for Lance Mechanical to install heating units removed for the old town hall at an estimated cost of \$400.00 plus the cost of the crain. May be able to use the town truck. Ron Sullins moved to approve. Second by Lori Vaughn. All in favor.

UV lights – need new bulbs. 48 bulbs at a cost of \$1,680.00 Motion by Joe Thomas to approve. Second by Greg Stroh. All in favor.

Seasonal employee last day will be June 18 and will not be replaced.

Working on a study to determine what the revenue is from North Snow Bay and Cranston Reef.

Water - submitted. Quotes on leak detection not all back yet. Need new controls figured into new budget.

Town Manager- not submitted.

Fire Department-submitted. 7 firefighters resigned and 2 were added.

Park Department-submitted. Council recommended Brad to work with Lon on signage. Joe moved to allow stone parking and see how much parking was needed before concrete is poured. Second by Ron Sullins. All in favor

Lon would like to have a 5 member board instead of 4. Brad will research this.

Jackson Builders would like an extension of 15 days to complete the demolition of the old town hall due to the rain. Motion by Greg Stroh. Second by Joe Thomas. All in favor.

Motion by Greg Stroh to adjourn. Second by Lori Vaughn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Loretta Smart

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Ron Sullins

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Greg Stroh

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Joe Thomas

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Loraine Vaughn

ATTEST:

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Mary K. Parsons  
Clerk/Treasurer