

The regular meeting was called to order by President Loretta Smart on January 16, 2007 at 6:02 p.m.

Silent roll call: Loretta Smart, Steve Brown, Joe Thomas, John Ludy, and Kay Clark.

Others representing the town were:

Mary K. Parsons-IAMC/CMC-Clerk-Treasurer

Chris Snyder-Town Superintendent

Kurt Bachman-Town Attorney

Ed Johnson-Town Marshall

Martha Hagerty-Judge

Danny Frasier-Street Superintendent

Steve Gard-Water Superintendent

Jim Humbarger-Sewer Superintendent

Eric Hufnagle-Fire Chief

Lon Keyes-Park Board President

Teri Steele-IAMC/CMC-Administrative Clerk

Others attending were: Jim Shilander with the Herald Republican and Ann Marie Lindenmeyer with Region III-A.

First order of business for the year was the election of Officer's. Loretta Smart opened the floor for nominations. Joe Thomas moved to retain the current Officers, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Loretta Smart – President

Steve Brown – Vice President

Steve Brown moved to approve the minutes, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve the claims, payroll, and comp time, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve re-doing the current specs for a new Fire Truck and re-advertise, stating all bids to be in on February 20, 2007 by 6:00 p.m., second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Three sealed proposals were opened and presented for the Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant project. They were as follows; Morrison, Kattman and Mener Inc., Bonar Group, and DLZ Engineering. All proposals will be given to the Retail Committee.

Chris gave an update on the By-pass stating that the appraisers should be done next week.

Joe Thomas moved to approve the utility credits, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

The Resolution declaring downtown an area in need of redevelopment was tabled until the next council meeting.

Joe Thomas moved to approve Ordinance 2007-01, an amendment to 2007 Salary Ordinance 2006-23, adding Part-Time Court Clerk at \$9.75 per hour, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2007-01, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve hiring Andrea Applegate as a part-time Court Clerk, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve purchasing software from Keystone for the Court, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

A discussion was held on a Parking Ticket Ordinance. John Ludy moved to approve Chris, Kathy, and Kurt to work on this ordinance, second by Joe Thomas.

Steve Brown moved to approve Kathy, Teri and Brenda in the Clerk's Office, attend the ILMCT Training Institute in Muncie the week of March 12th, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved to have John Ludy fill the vacant seat on the Personnel Policy committee, and to have the committee work on some unclear area's of the policy, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Kathy stated funds to encumber and are as follows:

<i>Maxton Motors</i>	<i>(Street Truck)</i>	<i>\$9,521.85</i>
<i>Beers, Mallers, Backs, and Salin</i>	<i>(Town Attorney fees)</i>	<i>\$2,332.08</i>
<i>Donley Safety</i>	<i>(Repair Fire Truck)</i>	<i>\$6,274.03</i>
<i>Farmers State Bank</i>	<i>(Lot Purchase)</i>	<i>\$17,800.00</i>

Steve Brown moved to approve the write off of the following utility customers for 2006:

<i>Anthonymsamy</i>	<i>\$18.74</i>	<i>Balance after collection agency</i>
<i>Shirely</i>	<i>\$11.32</i>	<i>No forwarding address-Balance after deposit</i>
<i>Trowbridge</i>	<i>\$220.05</i>	<i>Discharged through Bankruptcy</i>
<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>\$153.64</i>	<i>Discharged through Bankruptcy</i>
<i>Moeller</i>	<i>\$6.65</i>	<i>Balance after deposit</i>
<i>Harman</i>	<i>\$3.74</i>	<i>Balance after collection agency.</i>

Second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve canceling two year old outstanding checks as follows:

<i>Mertz</i>	<i>Ck#2653</i>	<i>\$136.94</i>	<i>3-18-2004</i>
<i>Gary</i>	<i>Ck#2733</i>	<i>\$34.95</i>	<i>12-31-2004</i>
<i>Steuben Co. Treasurer</i>	<i>Ck#3536</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>	<i>6-8-2004</i>

Second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved for John, Chris and Danny to attend the Winter Urban Tree Forest Meeting in Indianapolis, on February 14th in the amount of \$35.00 each, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

John asked if the Tree Management Committee could use the Town Hall to hold a meeting for Fremont residents if they received the ALCOA grant.

A discussion was held on Wellness testing for employees. It was suggested to add this into the personnel policy.

A discussion was held on forming a committee to investigate a Pharmacy for the Town of Fremont. It was suggested incorporating into the downtown planning grant with community input.

Chris has received a request from Metaldyne requesting that an additional street light be placed at their parking lot. Joe Thomas stated he did not see a need for a light pole in that area and suggested that other alternatives should be looked into. Chris will call Metaldyne to discuss other options.

REPORTS

Court submitted-nothing to add.

Police submitted- Ed stated that the new police car is complete and operating.

Street submitted-Danny stated that they will need to replace the bucket truck in the near future. He will begin the search for a used one.

Sewer submitted-Jim asked to attend an IWEA seminar with Brant on February 28th, costing \$80.00, plus hotel accommodations. Steve Brown moved for Jim and Brant to attend the seminar, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Water submitted- Steve asked to attend an AWWA annual meeting on February 19th in Indianapolis, costing \$140.00, plus hotel accommodations. Joe Thomas moved to approve the request, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Town Superintendent submitted- As discussed last meeting, the Street, Water and Wastewater utilities made the purchase of a pay loader from B & W Equipment in the amount of \$59,300.00.

Chris presented a proposed yearly contract with Charlie's Spider Fighters. Joe Thomas moved to approve the contract with Charlie's Spider Fighters for the Town Hall in the amount of \$456.00 for the year, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Chris had Mylar's for Phase #4 of Follett Estates and asked the council for their approval. This was something that was discussed several years prior, but was not formally approved by the Council. Chris would like approval so the Mylar's could be recorded. Steve Brown moved to approve phase #4 of Follett Estates, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Chris presented a list of original property owners at North Snow Bay that have not connected to the Sewer system. Since the Council is considering increasing the Tap in fees to \$1,500 in the near future, North Snow Bay would like to be protected from this increase and be allowed to pay the current \$250.00 tap fee and \$148.80 allocation fee. Discussion followed. Steve Brown made the motion to allow the 31 property owners to connect at the \$250.00 tap fee and \$148.80 allocation fee until July 2007, (this would go with the property), second by Joe Thomas, all in favor. See Exhibit "A".

Chris stated that the survey work was being done at the corner of S. Pleasant and Albion Street.

He said that the Town Code should be finished soon.

Fremont Fire Department submitted-nothing to add.

Fremont Park Board submitted-A discussion was held on the new park.

OTHER GENERAL MATTERS

Joe Thomas moved to approve 2007 Scott Township Fire Contract in the amount of \$1,500.00, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to re-appoint Chris Snyder to serve on the board of Region III-A, as the Town of Fremont Representative, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to adjourn, second by John Ludy, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Loretta Smart, President

Steve Brown, Vice President

Joe Thomas, Council Member

John N. Ludy, Council Member

Attest:

*Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/CMC
Clerk-Treasurer*

Kay Clark, Council Member