

November 20, 2007

The regular meeting was called to order by President Loretta Smart at 6:00 p.m.

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

Others representing the town were:

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

Chris Snyder-Town Superintendent

Kurt Bachman-Town Attorney

Ed Johnson-Town Marshal

Martha Hagerty-Judge

Danny Frasier-Street Superintendent

Steve Gard-Water Superintendent

Jim Humbarger-Sewer Superintendent

Eric Hufnagle-Fire Chief-absent

Lon Keyes-Park Board President

Teri Steele-IAMC/CMC-Administrative Assistant

Others attending were: Jim Measel, with WLKI radio station, Jim Shilander, with the Herald Republican, Jim Clevenger, with AWWA, John Mugford and Curtis Kent, with N.E. AWWA, and Scott Thompson, a Fremont resident.

Jim Clevenger, Vice President of AWWA, presented Steve Gard with a Prime Mover Award. This award is given to individuals who work in a small Water plant which employs fewer than three people, who exceed in service, individual responsibility to the community as a working force behind the utility service to provide safe potable drinking water.

Joe Thomas moved to approve the minutes, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

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

Chris gave an update on the by-pass. The Engineers, Contractors and Chris will do a walk through on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. Chris submitted a draft ordinance for the Council to review on the truck route for the next meeting. Chris asked to approve change order #3 and payment #7 to Fleming Excavating.

Steve Brown moved to approve change order #3 and payment #7, subject to availability of funds, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Chris gave an update on the Downtown Planning Grant. DLZ Engineering will give a presentation on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and again from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Steve Brown moved to approve the utility credits, with the exception of Scott Thompson, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve the Capital Asset Policy as presented, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve Ordinance 2007-15, an ordinance reducing the 2007 General Budget for the Town of Fremont, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2007-15, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Kay Clark moved to accept the resignation of Kay Smith from the Fremont Park Board, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Liz Thomas was appointed to fill the remainder of Kay's term.

Steve Brown moved to approve the appointments as presented for the EDC, RDC, Plan Commission, Tree Board, BZA, and Park Board, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve Ordinance 2007-16, 2008 Salary Ordinance, second by Steve Brown, 4 ayes, Kay Clark abstained.

John Ludy moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2007-16, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve hiring Mitchell Sattison as the new Water Department employee with an annual salary of \$28,000, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

The Council gave permission for Kurt Bachman, town attorney, to start working with the Police Chief, Ed Johnson, on revising the Police supplement to the personnel policy after the first of the year.

John Ludy moved to approve Greg Griffiths as the Town's web Master for 2008, for \$1,200.00, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Discussion on Channel 20 recording the Council meetings was tabled.

REPORTS

Court submitted-nothing to add.

Police submitted-nothing to add.

Street submitted-nothing to add.

Sewer submitted-Jim said there was a typo on his report, where it says August, it should be September. Chris and Jim met with Or-tec last Friday. There will be one more chance to resolve the ongoing problem with the belt press.

Water submitted-nothing to add.

Town Superintendent submitted-Chris talked to Anne Abernathy about the Park Board's plans and has provided the Council with a copy of their recommendations. They will have a meeting December 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Chris stated that Jeff Olds has started to pursue his certification for spraying weeds and mosquito and should complete over the winter.

Fire Department submitted-Eric was absent. Kathy stated that the new fire truck has arrived. Northwest Ohio was approved to purchase their two fire trucks for \$65,000.00 at the Bryan Ohio County Commissioner's meeting. The paperwork should be here within the next two weeks. Kathy asked that Loretta be allowed to sign any documents that may require her signature. Joe Thomas moved for Loretta to sign such documents for the fire truck sale, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Park Board submitted-nothing to add.

OTHER GENERAL MATTERS

Joe Thomas moved to approve the Fire Contract with Angola (Jamestown Township) in the amount of \$67,900.00, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

*Joe Thomas moved to approve those wanting to attend the Newly **Elected Officials** conference, January 14, 15, & 16, 2007 second by Steve Brown, all in favor.*

John Ludy moved to approve the Christmas Party to be held on December 11, 2007, at Mulligan's Restaurant, not to exceed \$900.00, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

The Historical Society will have an open house at their new location, 102 W. Toledo Street, on December 1, 2007 from 10:30 to 1:30. All are welcome to attend.

Kay Clark moved to adjourn the meeting, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Loretta Smart, Council President

Steve Brown, Vice President

Joe Thomas, Council Member

John N. Ludy, Council Member

Kay Clark, Council Member

Attest:

*Kathy Parsons, IAMC/CMC/CPFA
Clerk-Treasurer*