

April 15, 2008

The regular meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by President Loretta Smart at 6:00 p.m.

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

Others representing the town were:

*Chris Snyder, Town Superintendent
Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/CMC/CPFA
Joshua Burkhart, Town Attorney
Ed Johnson, Town Marshall
Danny Frasier, Street Superintendent
Steve Gard, Water Superintendent*

Others attending were: Jim Measel, with WLKI radio station, Jim Shilander, with the Herald Republican, and Drake Hepp, with Fremont Environmental Club for the Tree Project.

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

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

A discussion was held on the Truck Route. Chris reported that the Town has not received the third draw from EDA. He also said that there is concern on how paving repairs are being made to the Truck Route. The consensus of the Council agreed that it should not be patched and should be paved the correct way. Discussion followed.

Suggestions on naming the truck route are as follows; (2) Robert Vaughn, (1) General Lewis Hershey, (2) Farnham, (2) Erastus Farnham, (1) Safeway Drive, (3) against changing the name (leave as Swager Drive). Joe Thomas would like the road to remain Swager Drive and memorializing the truck route with one of the other names. He felt this would be easier for trucks to find the road. Loretta would like to leave the old part of the truck route Swager Drive, but name the new section of the truck route Erastus Franham. John Ludy will talk to the Historical Society for their input. A decision should be made at the May 12, 2008, council meeting.

A discussion was held on the Downtown Revitalization Plan. Chris spoke with DLZ Engineering and they will have a cost of the complete plan for the May 12, 2008, meeting. He also suggested that the Town wait until Spring of 2009 to submit a construction grant for the project, the Council agreed. The application process will start in January and should be ready to submit by mid-March.

Wellness day is set for May 16, 2008, starting at 6:30 a.m. Kathy reported that 99% of the employees have turned in their forms.

A discussion was held on the Memory Tree Project. Thirty Fremont High School Environmental Club students will be planting twenty-five Blue Spruce along West Street on Arbor Day, April 25, 2008. Drake Hepp, President of the Environmental Club, presented the Council with a \$400.00 check to go towards the plantings. Another check will be given at a later date.

Joe Thomas moved to approve Ordinance 2008-03, an ordinance re-adopting the revised 2007 Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual for the Town of Fremont, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2008-03, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve the utility credits presented, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

A discussion was held on whether to sell a Fire truck on E-Bay or through the government surplus auction. Consensus was to sell the fire truck through the government surplus auction on May 10, 2008.

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Court submitted-nothing to add.

Police submitted- nothing to add.

Street submitted- Danny asked to scrap the old leaf-vac since Hudson is not interested in it. Joe Thomas moved to scrap the old leaf-vac, second by Steve Brown, all in favor. Danny also asked to purchase new tires and have an alignment of the 1999 Ford F-350. The truck is too heavy to have done in Fremont. Smith Enterprises in Angola, gave a government cost of \$789.00 for the tires and alignment. Steve Brown moved to approve tires and an alignment for the truck, second by John Ludy, all in favor. A new flag pole, along with a US flag and Tree City flag, will be placed on the northwest corner of State Road 120 and Wayne Street.

Sewer submitted-nothing to add. Chris stated that there was a problem with the sewer line on Renee Drive; two quotes were presented to install a new line. Crawford Excavating in the amount of \$4,810.00 and M & C Trenching in the amount of \$4,875.00. Joe Thomas moved to have Crawford Excavating install a new sewer line on Renee Drive in the amount of \$4,810.00, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Water submitted-Steve asked to attend an AWWA seminar with Mitchel, on May 22, 2008, in Nappanee. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Joe Thomas moved to approve allowing the entire Water Department to attend the AWWA seminar, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Town Superintendent submitted- Chris stated that the sidewalk project east of town has run into some complications. There are liability and easement rights issues. Joshua addressed the liability and easement issues, stating the concerns were minimal and that easement rights can be drawn up from legal descriptions. Chris will get the legal descriptions for all three properties. Chris pointed out in the Plan Commission minutes from April 1, 2008, that the Lumber Yard has been notified about outside storage requirements.

Fremont Fire Department submitted-Kathy stated that the Steuben County Emergency Management has donated \$3,600.00 for Hazmat Equipment.

Fremont Park Board-no report submitted.

John Ludy moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 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:

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