

**May 12, 2008**

**Regular Meeting of the Fremont Town Council**

*President Loretta Smart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

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

*Others representing the Town were:*

*Chris Snyder, Town Superintendent      Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/CMC/CPFA- Clerk-Treasurer  
Ed Johnson, Town Marshall      Martha Hagerty, Judge  
Danny Frasier, Street Superintendent      Steve Gard, Water Superintendent  
Jim Humbarger, Sewer Superintendent*

*Others attending were: Jim Shilander with the Herald Republican, John Schwarz with Wheeler and Stout, Charlie Wallace, Andy Dodzik and Steve Metzger with DLZ Engineering and Bill Brown with Steuben County Emergency Management .*

**Minutes:** *Steve Brown moved to approve the minutes, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.*

**Claims, payroll and comp time:** *Joe Thomas moved to approve claims, payroll, and comp time, second by John Ludy, all in favor.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**By-Pass:** *Chris gave an update on the By-Pass. We are still waiting the third draw from EDA. Repairs have not been completed. Discussion followed on the naming of the Industrial Truck Route. Loretta preferred the name of Erastus Farnham for the new portion of the truck route and leave Swager Drive on the old part. Loretta Smart asked for any other comments from the Council. John Ludy did not hear a preference one way or the other from the Historical Society. Martha Hagerty serves as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Historical Society and she thought the consensus was to leave it as Swager Drive and memorialize it as Erastus Farnham Truck Route. Joe Thomas moved to leave the road marked Swager Drive and dedicate the road to Erastus Farnham, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.*

**Downtown Project:** *Andy Dodzik and Steve Metzger with DLZ Engineering gave the costs for the Downtown Project. The entire project is estimated at \$1,504,632.00 Discussion followed on the progress. Information will be given to Ann-Marie with Region 3-A. Reverse angle parking will be tried in August of this year.*

**Drainage:** *Andy Dodzik reported on the drainage at Pleasant and Albion Streets. He would recommend not doing anything until after the downtown project is completed. He felt that we would be wasting money at this point, trying to fix with this method. This is not a simple fix.*

**Street Bids:** *Andy brought the advertisements for the street bids. We will advertise on May 30<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup>, to open bids on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Bids will be awarded at the July meeting. Streets that will be bid are, two*

*blocks of Mill Street, which would include two blocks of curb, one block of Shepherd and a section of Michael Street. Joe Thomas moved to advertise the streets for bid, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.*

**Memorial Tree Project:** *John Ludy and Chris Snyder gave an update on the Memorial Tree project. Twenty five blue spruce were planted on West Street in memory of past teachers who had taught at Fremont Community Schools. The rest of the funds that the Environmental Club raised should be distributed to the school by June 1st.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Utility Credits:** *Steve Brown made a motion to accept the utility credits presented to the Council, second by John Ludy, all in favor.*

**Conflict of Interest:** *John Ludy moved to approve the State Board of Accounts conflict of interest form for Steve Brown, Council Member, who owns Brown ' s Wood Concepts, second by Joe Thomas. 4 ayes, Steve Brown abstained.*

**Presenter:** *Bill Brown, with Steuben County Emergency Management, made a presentation to the Council and discussed the possibility of the Council adopting the County Ordinance in regards to a Snow emergency. He also discussed the fact that the elected Officials will need to be NIMS certified and will need to be credited in 2008 and 2009, in order to receive grant funding in the case of an emergency. Discussion followed and the Council will take under advisement.*

**Ordinance 2008-04:** *John Ludy moved to approve Ordinance 2008-04, establishing a fund for Economic Development Proceeds, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.*

**Seasonal Employee:** *John Ludy moved to hire Brad Nelson, for the summer, as a seasonal employee, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, second by Kay Clark.*

**Resolution 2008-2:** *Steve Brown moved to approve Resolution 2008-02, adopting a Computer Disaster Plan for the Clerk-Treasure ' s office, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.*

**Ordinance 2008-05,** *an Ordinance allowing the Town to keep the seatbelt violation fee for tickets issued in Town. Martha C. Hagerty spearheaded the discussion and would like to see the Town keep the fees in Town. Kay Clark moved, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.*

**Resolution 2008-03,** *setting the policy for collecting fees in the Police Department, Joe Thomas moved, Second by John Ludy, all in favor.*

**IACT budget workshop:** *Steve Brown moved to approve those wanting to attend the IACT budget workshop, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.*

**Blackman Prairie:** *Discussion on Blackman Prairie Phase II area being farmed this year. John Schwarz, representing Charlie Wallace, said his client would like to have this farmed and be returned to*

*agricultural. There would be a buffer of 20 ' to 25 ' . Council expressed concern on chemicals that would be applied. Council will take under advisement.*

**REPORTS:**

**Court** - submitted.

**Police** - submitted-Bike Rodeo will be May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Elementary school.

**Street** - submitted- Council Member, John Ludy complimented all departments for their help in planting the trees with the Environmental Club. Danny would like approval for he and Jeff to attend the annual Street conference at Pokagon in August. It would be \$100.00 each. Joe Thomas moved to approve, second by Kay Clark.

**Sewer** - submitted.

**Water** -submitted – Discussion followed on Charlie Freeburn installing a well on his property.

**Town Superintendent** - Chris presented the drawing for Dollar General. Discussion followed. Steve Brown made a motion to approve the drawing as presented to the Council, contingent upon satisfactory soil borings, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

**Fire Department** - nothing to add.

**Ordinance 2008-6:** An Ordinance establishing a Debt Service Reserve Fund for the Water Department. Steve Brown moved to approve, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

**Waive second Reading:** Steve Brown moved to waive the second reading on all Ordinances and Resolutions, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

**Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement:** Joe Thomas moved to approve the Emergency Mutual Aid agreement with the surrounding County Police Departments, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

**Roundtable:** Joe Thomas moved to approve those wanting to attend the Roundtable at Pokagon in June, second by Kay Clark.

**Town of Clear Lake Fire Contract:** John moved to approve the Fire Contract for \$21,613.90, for 2008, with the Town of Clear Lake, second by Kay Clark, all in favor.

Approve hiring Independent Custodial Service, Kathy Haines, to clean for the Town Hall.

Loretta thanked everyone for cards and the plant while she recovered from her surgery.

Kay Clark moved to adjourn, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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*Loretta Smart, Council President*

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*Steve Brown, Vice President*

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*Joe Thomas, Council Member*

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*John N. Ludy, Council Member*

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*Kay Clark, Council Member*

*Attest:*

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

*Clerk-Treasurer*