

March 17, 2010

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

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

Others representing the Town were:

<i>Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/MMC/CPFA, Clerk-Treasurer</i>	<i>Chris Snyder, Town Manager</i>
<i>Eric Hufnagle, Fire Chief</i>	<i>Joe Patterson, Marshal</i>
<i>Danny Frasier, Street Superintendent</i>	<i>Jim Humbarger, Wastewater Superintendent</i>
<i>Joshua Burkhart, Town Attorney</i>	<i>Steve Gard, Water Superintendent</i>

***Others attending were:** Jim Shilander with the Herald Republican, Jim Measel with WLKI and Ron and Leta Sullins, Fremont Town Residents.*

***Approval of minutes:** Councilmember John Ludy moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, second by councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.*

***Approval of Claims, Payroll and comp time:** Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve claims, payroll and comp time as presented, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor.*

***Sewer Project:** Town Manager Chris Snyder reported that he and Clerk-Treasurer Kathy Parsons reviewed the funds to determine availability for the sewer line project. After researching, they felt that we could pay for approximately half of the construction project from funds from the wastewater department but would need to use approximately \$174,000 from Major Moves funds. This would leave approximately \$400,000 in the Major Moves fund and would eliminate having to do a bond issue. The cost of the bond issue is excessive for a project this size and they felt this would be in the best interest of the rate payers. This is the main influent line from Town that carries sewage to the plant and without the repair; the Town could not continue to grow and could possibly be shut down should the line break. After discussion, the Council concurred. Councilmember Joe Thomas made a motion to approve the use of Major Moves funds to make the line repair, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.*

***Wage Hearing:** Attorney Joshua Burkhardt stated that a common construction wage hearing would need to be held and he felt both projects, the 2010 Street Project and the Sewer Line Repair Project could be held together. Councilmember John Ludy moved to approve Roger Hutchins, Tom Abernathy as Industrial representative and to appoint Randy Hutchins as an alternate, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.*

***Downtown Project -Resolution 2010-02-** at the February Council meeting, Lori McCoy presented the incorrect ordinance for approval. The Council would need to rescind Resolution 2010-02 and approve Resolution 2010-03, an Ordinance committing matching funds. Councilmember John Ludy moved to rescind Resolution 2010-02, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor. Councilmember Kay Clark moved to approve Resolution 2010-03, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor.*

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Annexation: *There will be a Public Hearing on April 20th at 5:00 p.m. prior to the regularly scheduled Council meeting.*

Building Corp: *The Building Corp met prior to the Council meeting and has everything in order. The previous Building Corp had been formed by Hilliard Lyons and when Chip Hampel and Phillip German left Hilliard Lyons, the Corporation needed to have new members. Lori Masters, Steve Vaughn .and Chris Snyder were appointed as the new members. All documents have been recorded with the State.*

Port Authority: *A copy of the Steuben County Commissioners amended resolution 03-2010-01 was presented to the Council. This resolution creates a Steuben County Port Authority with a seven person Board of Directors, with one member appointed by the Town of Fremont. The Commissioners asked for the Town of Fremont to pass an ordinance becoming a partner in the Port Authority which will be presented for consideration next month.*

Sewer Extension agreement: *There are still questions as to Right of Way issues, reimbursement issues and ownership of the line, so no agreement is ready for consideration at this time.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Utility Credits: *Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the credits as presented, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.*

Tractor Purchase: *Town Manager Snyder asked permission to purchase a Tractor/Mower combination, for \$31,983.52 from Wells Equipment in Litchfield, Michigan. This is for a Farmall Series Tractor and Bush Hog mower. The Street and Wastewater employees reviewed the specs and considered several models with different quotes. This model suited the needs of the various departments and was the lowest quoted price. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the purchase, second by Councilmember John Ludy, all in favor.*

Spring Haven Annexation: *Town Manager Snyder wanted to let the Council know that he was approached by Dr. Chupp to annex Phase II of Spring Haven Subdivision. After we have completed the annexation west of Town, we will start the proceedings with the Spring Haven annexation, probably in June 2010.*

Garbage Toters: *Allied Waste has purchased new trucks and would like the Town to start using 95 gallon toters. These would be provided to the Residents by Allied Waste at no charge and would start being used the first week of April. We wanted to have time to get the information out to the Residents via the newsletter. The Council feels that it would be fine to convert to the 95 gallon containers.*

Reports:

Court – Report submitted. Judge not in attendance.

Police – Report submitted. Nothing to add.

Fire – Chief Hufnagle said that they are receiving donations from SCURRT, to enhance their rescue boat. They would like permission to start using the \$4,000.00 donation to purchase equipment. Councilmember John Ludy made a motion to allow the purchases, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor. The Fire Department would also like permission to have Danny, from the Street Department or Mitchel from the Water Department, assist them with the Backhoe, when they install a Dry Hydrant at Green Lake. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to allow the backhoe to be used and operated by either Danny or Mitchel, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Street – Report submitted. Nothing to add.

Water – Report submitted. Nothing to add.

Wastewater – Report submitted. Superintendent Humbarger had a correction on his report. The plant was pumping at 56% capacity in February 2010.

Park Board – No one from the Park Board was present, but Town Manager Chris Snyder wanted to seek permission on behalf of the Park Board, should they so desire, to donate money to the Key Club and Student Council for an Easter Egg Hunt. The Park Board would not be meeting prior to Easter to vote on this item. Councilmember John Ludy made a motion to empower Anne Abernathey, President of the Park Board, to make the decision regarding a donation for the Easter Egg hunt, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Town Manager –Town Manager Chris Snyder said that First Call Towing has asked to participate in the 2010 Spring Clean up, by taking in tires and batteries at their place of business, for the week of May 3 through May 8 at no charge to the Town or the Residents. There would be restrictions on quantity and verification of address. The consensus of the council is this is a good idea. Chris also updated the Council on the I-MAN meeting and the progress being made installing fiber optic line in the county.

Other Business:

Printer/ Copier: The printer /copier in Teri's office has stopped working properly. The cost to fix it is half the cost of a new machine. Clerk-Treasurer Parsons asked Mid City to bring a unit up to test and if the machine suits the needs of the office, she is seeking permission to purchase the new machine for \$995.00. Motion was made by Councilmember Joe Thomas to approve the purchase, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Councilmember John Ludy moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Approved:

April 20, 2010

Steve Brown, President

Joe Thomas, Vice President

Loretta Smart, Council Member

John N. Ludy, Council Member

Kay Clark, Council Member

Attest:

Mary K. "Kathy" Parsons, IAMC/MMC/CPFA

Clerk-Treasurer