

January 18, 2011

The regular meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by President Steve Brown at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

***Silent roll call:** Steve Brown, Kay Clark, Joe Thomas, Linda Fulton, and Steve Vaughn were present.*

Others representing the Town were:

*Mary K. Parsons, IAMC/MMC/CPFA, Clerk-Treasurer Chris Snyder, Town Manager
Steve Gard, Water Superintendent Joe Patterson, Town Marshal
Danny Frasier, Street Superintendent Martha C. Hagerty, Town Judge*

***Others attending were:** Jim Measel with WLKI and town resident Leta Sullins.*

***Election of Officers:** Councilmember Joe Thomas made a motion to nominate Councilmember Steve Brown for President, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor. Councilmember Kay Clark moved to nominate Joe Thomas for Vice President, second by Councilmember Steve Vaughn, all in favor.*

***Approval of minutes:** Councilmember Joe Thomas 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 Kay Clark moved to approve claims, payroll, and comp time as presented, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.*

Old Business:

***Sewer Line Project:** Town Manager Chris Snyder gave an update on the Influent Sewer Line Project. The lift station is on-line and working well.*

***OCRA:** Town Manager Snyder reported that we did receive the announcement of the award of the \$500,000 grant for the Downtown project on December 30, 2010. Several Town Officials will be traveling to Indianapolis to accept recognition of the grant that is to be presented by Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman, on January 26, 2011.*

***Annexation:** Town Manager Snyder asked the Council to approve Resolution 2011-01, to adopt the fiscal plan for the Spring Haven phase II annexation. Councilmember Joe Thomas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-01, second by Councilmember Steve Vaughn, all in favor. Ordinance 2011-01 was introduced for annexation at Spring Haven. A public hearing will be scheduled for February 15, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.*

New Business:

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

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Part-time Police Officer: Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the hiring of Scott Barnhart, for the part-time officer position, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Recycle Containers: Consensus was to go with recycling containers that will be provided by Allied. They are 30 gallon containers that have a yellow lid. There will be no added costs for the containers. Also, the Allied Waste contract expires December 31, 2011.

Part-time Crossing Guard: Councilmember Linda Fulton moved to approve the hiring of Shawn LaCourse for the part-time crossing guard position, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Outstanding Checks: Councilmember Steve Vaughn moved to approve outstanding checks that were two years old, to be receipted back into their respective funds, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Steuben County EMS: Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the Steuben County EMS contract, second by Councilmember Steve Vaughn, all in favor.

Reports:

Court- report submitted. The Judge gave her year-end report and updated the council on SB 312 and SB128.

Fire-report submitted. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to approve the purchase of 20 handheld radios, not to exceed \$20,000, contingent upon meeting with Steuben County Communications on existing radio system, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Police-report submitted. Marshal Patterson reported that eligibility requirements were placed in the packets to be used when hiring a new Police Officer.

Street- report submitted. Superintendent Danny Frasier is looking at streets to re-pave for next year. Crossroads is targeted and we will want to do some sidewalks. If the Council has requests, please let Town Manager Snyder know.

Water-report submitted. Councilmember Joe Thomas moved to allow Steve Gard and Mitchel Sattison to attend the AWWA Conference, at the cost of \$125.00 plus travel expenses, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Wastewater- report submitted. Town Manager Chris Snyder informed the Council that the Indiana Alliance will be holding classes at Pokagon State Park and requested Joe Creager and Mitchel Sattison be allowed to attend at a cost of \$350.00 each. Councilmember Steve Vaughn made the motion to approve, second by Councilmember Linda Fulton, all in favor.

Park Board- no report submitted.

Town Manager: Chris Snyder reported on the Memorandum of Understanding for Trine University. Council President Steve Brown asked for Council input and would like to show support for this project. Consensus of council was to support. Chris Snyder will draft a letter for the Council to sign.

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Other Business: Councilmember Steve Vaughn moved to approve a contract with the Steuben County Well Child Clinic for \$500.00, second by Councilmember Kay Clark, all in favor.

Councilmember Kay Clark moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilmember Joe Thomas, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved:

February 15, 2011

Steve Brown, President

Joe Thomas, Vice President

Attest:

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

Kay Clark, Councilmember

Steve Vaughn, Councilmember

Linda Fulton, Councilmember

