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The regular meeting of the Fremont Town Council was called to order by Council President Linda Fulton at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at the Fremont Town Hall. Councilmembers Dr. William Stitt and Ashlee Hoos were also present.

Others representing the Town were:

Mary K. Parsons, IAMCA, MMC, ACPFA, ACPFIM, CPM, CMO Clerk-Treasurer

Becky Maggart, IAMC, Chief Deputy Clerk

Tony Manns, Town Attorney

Jeff Grimm, Street Superintendent

Tyler Howard, Park Committee President

Joe Patterson, Town Marshal

Kenny Steele, Town Deputy Marshal

Travis Smoker, Town Deputy Marshal

Others in attendance were:

Todd Thurber, DLZ

Chris Emerick, Steuben County Detective

Isaac Lee, Steuben County Economic Development Corp

Rick Deller, Town Resident

Will Howard, County Commissioner

Approval of Minutes- *Councilmember Dr. William Stitt made a motion to approve the April minutes, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.*

Approval of Claims, Payroll, Comp Time, Fund Report and Appropriation Report- *Councilmember Ashlee Hoos moved to approve claims, payroll, comp time, Fund and Appropriation reports as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William, all in favor.*

OLD BUSINESS:

DLZ Updates- *Todd Thurber from DLZ said current street projects, for 2024 and 2025 E & B paving is about 60% completed and have requested pay app 1 for 2024 Street for \$642,948.89 and pay app 1 for 2025 Pearl Street for \$108, 6047.81. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve both pay apps as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor. Todd Thurber from DLZ also said that he had the next grant ready to advertise this week to be ready for bids starting June 3, 2025. Todd Thurber from DLZ said that the Coldwater Sidewalk is complete and API has requested pay app 1 for 225,039.32. Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor. Todd Thurber from DLZ said the Hope Drive Sidewalk is complete and T & S Concrete requested the retainage of \$500, Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to hold the payment until the grass is growing as none is yet and may need to be redone, second Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.*

Ordinance 2025-06 Downtown apartments- *Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.*

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NEW BUSINESS:

Utility Credits- Councilmember Ashlee Hoos made a motion to approve the utility credits as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

CF-1's- Isaac Lee from Steuben County Economic Development Corp presented the CF-1's for Cardinal IG and his recommendation is they are all in compliance. Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to approve all the CF-1's for Cardinal IG as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

County Agreement Will Howard- County Commissioner Will Howard spoke on the agreement between Steuben County and the communities within the County, involved with the NIPSCO natural gas shortage. The agreement is for each community to pay an amount determined by population with Steuben County paying the majority to try to get NIPSCO to supply more natural gas to the area. Discussion followed. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Permitting process- Town Attorney Tony Manns discussed an Ordinance to streamline the permitting process for the Right of Way areas in the Town of Fremont to alleviate multiple agreements needed for projects. Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to proceed with the Attorney to prepare the Ordinance, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

Appraisals 103 N Pleasant St.- Council President Linda Fulton said the two appraisals that were received for the property were done and an offer for the property was given and rejected as of now. Council President Linda Fulton asked for permission to sign an agreement outside of a meeting if the seller decides to accept the offer, or for permission to attend the auction to bid on property if needed. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Spring Cleanup- Council President Linda Fulton said the town wide Spring Clean-up is scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2025.

Veteran banners- Council President Linda Fulton said the Town of Fremont has implemented a Hometown Hero Banner program and were hoping to receive seven applications. The Town received sixty applications and will be hanging the banners by the end of the week.

REPORTS:

Fire: Report was submitted. Clerk Treasurer, Mary K. Parsons asked for approval to repair Engine 22 not to exceed \$11,000. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Police: Report was submitted. Town Marshal, Joe Patterson, asked for Council to approve the hire of a part time tactical instructor. Town Attorney, Tony Manns, suggested to hire as an independent contractor with direct supervision by the Council to avoid any violation of the nepotism laws. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in

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favor. Marshal Patterson, said they are waiting on the warranty for the repair of the headlights on the new Explorers. Marshal Patterson also asked for permission to repair the old radios in hopes they will last for another 10 years and then they will need to buy new. Councilmember Dr. William Stitt motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

Zoning: Report was submitted. Nothing to add.

Street: Report was submitted. Street Superintendent, Jeff Grimm, asked for approval to sell the old bucket truck. Councilmember Ashlee Hoos motioned to approve as presented, second by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, all in favor.

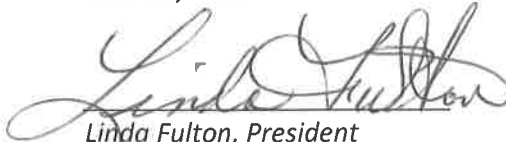
Water: Report was submitted.

Wastewater: Report was submitted.

Park: Report was submitted. Nothing to add.

Motion to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. by Councilmember Dr. William Stitt, second by Councilmember Ashlee Hoos, all in favor.

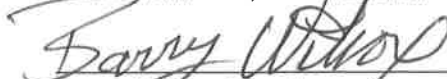
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Linda Fulton, President


Attest:


Mary K Parsons, Clerk-Treasurer
IAMCA, MMC, ACPFA, ACPFIM, CMO, CPM


Dr. William Stitt, Vice President


Barry Wilcox, Member


Ashlee Hoos, Member


Scott Glendening, Member