

The regular meeting was called to order by President Loretta Smart on December 19, 2006 at 6:01 p.m.

*Silent roll call: Loretta Smart, Steve Brown, Joe Thomas, and John Ludy.
Ron Sullins was absent.*

*Others representing the town were:
Mary K. Parsons-IAMC/CMC-Clerk-Treasurer
Chris Snyder-Town Superintendent
Kurt Bachman-Town Attorney
Ed Johnson-Town Marshall-absent
Martha Hagerty-Judge-absent
Danny Fraiser-Street Superintendent
Steve Gard-Water Superintendent
Jim Humbarger-Sewer Superintendent
Eric Hufnagle-Fire Chief-absent
Lon Keyes-Park Board President-absent
Teri Steele-IAMC/CMC-Administrative Clerk*

Others attending were: Chris Rosenhesky with D-P Equipment, John Callaway with First Call Towing, Lester Taylor and Marsha Robbins with Fremont Bait Supply, Joe Creager and Kay Clark, a Fremont resident.

John Ludy moved to approve the minutes, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

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

Steve Brown moved to approve the comp time, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Chris gave an update on the by-pass and made the council aware of the buyers fee's for the project. The appraisers are still working on their part and plan to be finished on January 15th, 2007. A written extension may be needed due to all the delays. The Council gave Chris the authority to proceed.

John Ludy moved to allow Loretta and Kathy to sign the paperwork for the Trash contract with Allied Waste Industries, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to allow Loretta and Kathy to sign the purchase agreement with Farmers State Bank for the lot on the corner of Albion and Pleasant Street, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

A discussion was held on the downtown planning grant. A representative with Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs met with the retail committee. Submission of Qualifications for planning services will be advertised and accepted until 3:00 p.m. on January 16, 2007. A blighted area resolution will need to be passed in January.

A discussion was held on the purchasing of a new fire truck. Kurt gave an update on the bidding and the financing.

Joe Thomas moved to proceed with the bidding of a new fire truck, including a 10% bid bond, with bids accepted until 6:00 p.m. on January 16th, 2007, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve Resolution 2006-07, a resolution replacing Resolution 2004-25, establishing guidelines for the construction and rehabilitation of sidewalks in the Town of Fremont, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Danny presented quotes for a new Street truck, and are as follows:

<i>Maxton Motors</i>	<i>w/trade</i>	<i>\$20,695.00</i>
<i>Angola Ford</i>	<i>w/trade</i>	<i>\$23,080.99</i>
<i>Harold Chevrolet</i>	<i>w/trade</i>	<i>\$22,810.10</i>
<i>Dunham Motors</i>	<i>w/trade</i>	<i>\$25,264.00</i>

All trucks come with a snow plow. All trucks need a bumper and a tool box added, and should not exceed \$2500.00.

Joe Thomas moved to approve purchasing a Street truck from Maxton Motors in the amount of \$20,695.00 with trade, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to purchase a bumper and tool box, not exceeding \$2,500.00, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

A discussion was held on purchasing a Pay loader for the Street, Water and Sewer plant. Quotes were presented by D-P Equipment in the amount of \$59,900.00 and B&W Equipment in the amount of \$49,995.00. More information is needed to make a decision.

Joe Thomas moved to give Danny the authority to purchase the Pay loader that best fits the needs of each department and not exceeding the amounts presented, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to allow Kathy to process a check needed to purchase the Pay loader, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved to approve the utility credits, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved to approve DLZ (Dodzik Engineering Inc.) 2007 Schedule of Rates, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve Ordinance 2006-25, an ordinance establishing a pre-tax health insurance premium deduction fund for the Town of Fremont, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve hiring two part time crossing guards, Joe Barrow and Sharon Salhof to fill in, retroactive to December 8th, 2006, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve hiring Joe Creager for the Sewer plant starting January 8, 2007, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved to approve the Angola Fire Contract that covers a portion of Jamestown Township, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve the 2007 contract with the Steuben County Economic Development Corporation and re-appointing Chris to represent the Town of Fremont for the year of 2007, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve re-appointing Steve Brown, Ben Roderer, Brian Lanier, and Ken Crandall to the Redevelopment Commission for 2007, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve a one year extension for Lon Keyesto the Fremont Park Board, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

REPORTS

Court submitted-nothing to add.

Police submitted-nothing to add.

Street submitted-nothing to add.

Sewer submitted-Jim wished everyone a "Merry Christmas"

Water submitted-nothing to add.

Town Superintendent submitted- Chris added that the Project at New Horizons with the pre-treatment waste tanks is complete and running well.

Fremont Fire Department submitted-nothing to add.

Fremont Park Board submitted-nothing to add.

OTHER GENERAL MATTERS

The shelves are assembled in the basement. The police department needed all of the shelving, so Kathy has requested additional shelving for the Town Hall not to exceed \$800.00

Steve Brown moved to approve purchasing additional shelving not to exceed \$800.00, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved to authorize Kathy to encumber funds as she deems necessary, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve those wanting to attend the IACT Legislative Conference, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

John Ludy moved to approve the appointments of Kathy, Loretta and Steve to the IACT Legislative Committee, and Kathy to the IACT Executive Committee, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Steve Brown moved to waive the Second Reading of Ordinance 2006-25, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to approve the contract with Beers, Mallers, Backs, and Salin, LLC for the year 2007 with the hourly rate being raised from \$95.00 to \$105.00, second by John Ludy, all in favor.

Joe Thomas moved to allow Loretta and Kathy to sign the contract with Beers, Mallers, Backs, and Salin, LLC, second by Steve Brown, all in favor.

Lester Taylor with Fremont Bait and Tackle stated that they have closed the store and asked the Town if they had any idea's of what they would like to see go out there. Loretta said the Council would have to think about it.

Steve Brown moved to adjourn, second by Joe Thomas, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Loretta Smart, Council President

Attest:

Steve Brown, Council Vice-President

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

Ron Sullins, Council Member

Joe Thomas, Council Member

John N. Ludy, Council Member