

Regular Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2026 Froid Town Council (Approved)

The Regular Meeting of the Froid Town Council was called to order at 6:30 pm by Council Member, Gregg Labatte, at the Froid Community Center on Monday, March 16, 2026. Those in attendance were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Gregg Labatte, Tyler Harris, and Laurie Young.

Council Member Labatte welcomed the guests present and asked if there were any non-agenda comments or concerns. Jason Baker was in attendance and introduced himself and announced that he will be running in the upcoming election for Roosevelt County Sheriff. He asked those present if anyone had any questions regarding the Sheriff's position. He stated that he would like to hold a town hall or Q&A session in Froid before the election. He said he thinks it is great that a representative from Roosevelt County Sheriff's Department has been attending many of the Town Council meetings. If elected, he stated his intention to attend as many meetings as possible. Jason also mentioned that he has business cards available for distribution and invited anyone with questions to contact him.

The Council meeting minutes from February 9, 2026, were read. Council Member Tyler Harris moved to approve the February meeting minutes as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Public Works Director, Alan Engelke, was present to report. Alan stated that he has been working on street/road maintenance. He also reported that he had to put in a new block heater for the generator #2 lift station. Alan stated there was an unprescribed burn that was started in Town recently. He was called by the Fire Chief and Mayor Crain with questions about the fire, so he came and helped extinguish it. Alan shared that he worked on a plumbing problem in the Community Center's kitchen and installed two new paper towel holders there. Alan also noted that the water depot continues to be used and appears to be working well.

Sheriff's Report: Jason Baker stated that he could report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff's Department. Council looked at the summary of calls sent to the Town from the Sheriff's Office for February and the first week of March. There were three calls for service in February, and one rural call the first week in March. Penny Ryder asked if the Town received any additional funds from fines and forfeitures. Clerk LeAnn Johnson confirmed a \$15.00 check was received last week.

Unfinished Business:

ARPA Project Update: Clerk LeAnn Johnson reported no updates on the ARPA project and stated that the work must be finished by June 1st. Alan stated that the ground is still frozen, but he hopes to be able to start soon.

Review of Water, Sewer, and Garbage Accounts: Council looked over the delinquent accounts. Door hangers will be distributed, and letters will be mailed to those on the list.

New Business:

ADA Compliance for Website: LeAnn shared that she has received emails from the Town Website provider, Municipal Impact, about a new U.S. Department of Justice rule requiring ADA Compliance. She explained that by April 26, 2027, all website content—including meeting minutes and agendas—must be converted to PDF format. LeAnn mentioned that she can either dedicate time to converting ten years of website content into accessible PDFs or eliminate any non-compliant material and only upload new, compliant documents from now on. She will keep Council informed as she learns more about affected pages and documents.

Nemont Fiber Optic Project: Nemont sent an email about installing buried fiber optic cable in Town to upgrade the existing copper lines, along with an easement for signature and a route map. The Council reviewed and discussed the plan. Alan noted that after a similar installation in Bainville, there were sewer

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line issues. The Council decided it would be useful for a Nemont representative to attend a future meeting to answer questions.

Building Permits: There were no new building permits for Council to look over.

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment: Council looked over the claims for March 2026. Council Member Laurie Young moved to approve the March 2026 claims. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm. The next regular meeting will be April 13, 2026.

Mayor:

Clerk: