

Village of Freeport  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2024

A regular monthly meeting of the Freeport Village Council was held December 9, 2024 at the Freeport Community Center. Village President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. Other council members present – Trustees Lani Forbes, Hannah Clewell, and Amanda Slagstad (upon appointment), Treasurer Joyce Callihan, and Clerk Shari Clark. Staff present –DPW Director Collin Crumback and Police Chief Tim Griffin. Absent – Water Operator Duane Weeks.

The minutes of the November 18, 2024 meeting were approved.

Police Report was read by Chief Griffin. MDC upgrades were completed for the new police cruiser today by Barry County.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Andrews to appoint Amanda Slagstad as a Village Trustee. All in favor, motion passed. She was officially sworn in by the Clerk. One Trustee vacancy remains.

*Village Residents interested in serving as Trustee on the Freeport Village Council may submit a letter of interest with resumé to [freeportclerk@gmail.com](mailto:freeportclerk@gmail.com) or mail to PO Box 10, Freeport, MI 49325*

No public comment.

Treasurer's Report was read by Callihan.

General Fund Income is over budget by \$11,000.00 due to stabilization income.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Clewell to perform the following budget amendments:

- General Fund Increase Expenses for Cemetery \$5,000.00, Park Facilities \$1, 000.00, and Insurance & Bonds \$500.00.
- Water Fund Subtract \$10,000.00 from Contractual Services.
- Water Fund Increase Expenses for Audit Fee \$500.00, Electric \$500.00, Membership Dues & Training \$1,000.00, and Capital Outlay \$8,000.00.

Upon Roll Call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Moved Forbes and supported by Clewell to pay monthly bills totaling \$6,570.29. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

DPW Report was read by Crumback. Two poles are not working, will contact Consumers to inspect. Moved by Forbes and supported by Clewell to approve \$615.40 for purchase & installation of new water mist extinguisher unit for the well house from Fire Pros Fire Protection Service. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Clewell to approve 4% payroll increase for all employees. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Upon review of Treasurer's expense report for library space within the Village Community Center, council agreed upon rental rates for the year 2025 \$3,200.00 and year 2026 \$3,300.00 for the bi-annual contract renewal with the Freeport District Library Board.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Clewell to approve 2025 Meeting Calendars as written. Council meetings to be held on the second Mondays at 7:30 pm and Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings be held on the first Tuesdays at 6:30 pm each month. The annual Budget Hearing will be held February 10, 2025 at 7pm. All in favor, motion passed.

Moved by Andrews and supported by Clewell to reappoint Lani Forbes as President Pro Tempore. All in favor, motion passed.

Public comment was heard from Jon Smelker sharing an update from Barry County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held January 7, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

The next regular Council Meeting will be held January 13, 2025 at 7:30 pm.

*Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk*