

Village of Freeport  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2025

A regular monthly meeting of the Freeport Village Council was held March 10, 2025 at the Freeport Community Center. Village President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

All council members present – Trustees Amanda Slagstad, Shane Faunce, Hannah Clewell, Lani Forbes, Treasurer Joyce Callihan, and Clerk Shari Clark.

Staff present – Water Operator Duane Weeks, Police Chief Tim Griffin, and DPW Director Collin Crumback.

The minutes of the February 10, 2025 Budget Hearing and Council meeting were approved.

Police Report was read by Chief Griffin. The new patrol car went into service as of today. He will research Ordinance examples to regulate overnight parking to present to council for adoption. He is working with DPW Director for storage options of new police vehicle.

DPW Report was read by Crumback. He also shared ideas from funeral homes suggesting winter graveside services be held on a cemented area in lieu of the burial site. Forbes confirmed that the village has already received the Local B Grant noted in his report. Crumback is seeking out bids for milling/asphalt and a new garage door. No water shut offs occurred this quarter.

No public comment.

Treasurer's Report was read by Callihan.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Clewell to perform budget amendments as recommended by Forbes. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed. The following adjustments were made with account end balances: General Fund Income \$316,580.00 & Expenses \$312,400.00, Water Income 423,418.00 & Expenses \$393,700.00, Local Street Income \$87,950.00 & Expenses \$87,850.00, and Major Street Income \$276,600.00 & Expenses \$259,600.00.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Slagstad to pay monthly bills totaling \$64,451.63. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Water Operator Duane Weeks informed council of the new state regulations regarding lead levels effective 3/1/25, Freeport should not be affected due to current levels already below what is allowable. Weeks has prepared the lead line replacement report due to the state; additional line replacement will continue to meet requirements. He is working with engineering firm to complete the cross-connection report for commercial locations lead line verification of water lines going into homes.

Public comment was heard from Kathy Kunde regarding village transparency, website, water bill mailings, legislation updates, and future projects to consider.

Correspondence was reviewed. Council will follow up on the Barry County Parks & Recreation Mini-Grant Program opportunity.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held April 1, 2025 at 6:30 pm.  
The next regular Council Meeting will be held April 14, 2025 at 7:30 pm.

*Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk*