

Unapproved

Village Council Minutes February 8th, 2021

The ZOOM scheduled session of Freeport Village Council was called to order on Monday, February 8th, 2021 at 7:34 pm by Village President Bill Andrews at Village Community Center.

Present roll call were Council Trustees: Shawn Hill and Lani Forbes

Absent:

Present roll call President: Bill Andrews, Treasurer: Joyce Callihan, Clerk: Shawna Hill (absent)

Public Present: Bob Richardson, Duane Weeks, Russ Yarger

Motion by Lani Forbes and supported by Shawn Hill to approve the agenda. Motion passed

Motion by Lani Forbes and supported by Shawn Hill to approve unapproved minutes from December 14th 2020

Motion Passed

Police Report: Tom Steensma

Committee Report:

Committee of Whole: No meeting held due to COVID-19

Planning Commission: Reported by - No meeting held due to COVID-19

Treasurer's Report: Joyce Callihan Motion by Shawn Hill and supported by Lani Forbes motion passed

Water Operator Report: Duane Weeks: needs to take a connection class at a cost of \$40 per participant on June 14 and 15, Motion by Lani Forbes and supported by Shawn Hill to send both Duane Weeks and Bob Richardson to this water class at a \$80 cost. Roll call vote: Shawn Hill, Lani Forbes, and Bill Andrews all in favor. Motion passed.

Village DPW Report: Bob Richardson: replaced 20 water meter that 25% done for the Village, spent lots of time plowing and had 3 funerals.

Pay Bills:

Motion by Shawn Hill and supported by Lani Forbes to pay unapproved bill and pre-approved bills for month of February 8th, 2021 totally \$5306.08

Roll call: Shawn Hill, Lani Forbes, and Bill Andrews. All Yes

Motion passed

Public Input:

Russ Yarger wants to address his pay now that he is not the water operator for his work with the water system. Motion by Lani Forbes and supported by Shawn Hill to pay Russ Yarger \$15 per hour for up to 10hrs. Motion passed

Old Business:

1. Arbor-culturist- **on hold till spring**
2. Sidewalk – **on hold till spring**
3. Video Franchise **completed**
4. Letter for water meter installation –**on hold due to COVID**
5. Budget Amendments- Motion by Lani Forbes and supported by Shawn Hill to make following corrections to budget: General Expense: increase account by \$500, increase Treasurer \$500, increase building grounds \$2500, increase cemetery \$1000, decrease police \$1000, decrease sidewalk \$4000. Water Expense: increase salary \$300, increase payroll taxes \$400, decrease uniforms \$500, increase contractual services \$1500, decrease printing & publishing \$1000, decrease membership dues \$500, and decrease mics. \$700, and increase water testing \$500. Local Street Expense: increase truck expense \$5000, decrease equipment rentals \$1000, decrease winter maintenance \$1000, and decrease audit \$1000. Major Street Income: move line item Grant to Local Street income line item. Major Street Expense: move \$77176 from other expense and place in Local street other expense, increase salaries \$3000, increase truck expense \$1000, increase audit \$1325. Roll call vote: Lani Forbes, Shawn Hill, and Bill Andrews. All yes Motion passed.

New Business:

Motion by Shawn Hill and supported by Lani Forbes to accept the 2021-2022 budget. Roll call Vote: Lani Forbes, Shawn Hill, and bill Andrews. All yes.

Motion Passed

Motion by Lani Forbes and supported by Shawn Hill to accept the water resolution with date of meeting changed to February 8th 2021 and the effective date to April 1st 2021.

Roll call vote: Shawn Hill, Lani Forbes, and Bill Andrews. All yes

Motion passed.

Motion by Lani Forbes and supported by Shawn Hill to have a new line with WOW for the police department.

roll call vote: Shawn Hill, Lani Forbes, and Bill Andrews. All yes.

Motion passed.

Correspondence:

Village resident concerned as to why the cemetery drive is no longer being plowed. They went up there to visit their parent's head stones and couldn't make up road to visit. They understand things need to be closed during winter but the road should still be plowed to visit grave sites. **Village council says that the Cemetery will not be plowed but the road to the cemetery up to the white building will be plowed to building, unless there is a funeral.**

Announcements:

Lani Forbes would like there to be signs around town and placed on Facebook: Village council has 2 open council seats. If interested in filling these positions, please call village office 616-765-3808 or email village clerk at freeportclerk@gmail.com

Next Council meeting is March 8th, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm

Shawna Hill

Village Clerk

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