

## Unapproved

Village Council Minutes June 14th, 2021

The scheduled session of Freeport Village Council was called to order on Monday June 14th, 2021 at 7:55 pm by Village President Bill Andrews at Village Community Center.

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

Absent:

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

Public Present: Duane Weeks, Tom Steensma, Diana McGuire, Charlie Boulter, Jon Smelker, Ben Christie, Bob Richardson, and Russ Yarger

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

Motion by Lani Forbes and supported by Shawn Hill to approve unapproved minutes from May 10th, 2021

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: Attached

**Village DPW Report:** Robert Richardson:

Ketchum repair tornado siren-still being worked on, UTV quotes presented, found many drain, vehicle maintenance, new tree quotes, Mdot bridge work, Village clean up went well, repaired playground equipment, softball field maintenance, and cemetery foundation and maintenance.

Bob Richardson also asked the council if he can get Ben Christie for 15hrs per week instead of 6.

Motion by Lani Forbes and supported by Shawn Hill to pay Ben Christie for 15hrs per week.

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

Motion Passed

### **Pay Bills:**

Motion by Lani Forbes and supported by Shawn Hill to pay unapproved bill and pre-approved bills for month of June 2021 totaling \$6760.31

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

Motion passed

**Public Input:**

Jon Smelker wanted to inform that 911 remodel is going good, broken ground on assistant living for Thornapple manor. Also wanted to ask the council about a car show on last Saturday in July and what he needed to do to block off down town street for that Saturday.

Charlie Boulter wanted to see if the reading summer program with him and the library can make it into the newsletter.

Diana McGuire wanted to ask questions about the bill the Methodist church received for the water line hook up. Village council will need to talk to their lawyer.

**Old Business:**

1. Arbor-culturist- **meant with DPW and trees identified as dead will need to be taken down**
2. Sidewalk – **Shawn Hill is working on this**
3. Letter for water meter installation –**132 letters have been sent out**
4. Dog Park: **on hold**

**New Business:**

1.) UTV for DPW: Moved to old business

Motion by Shawn Hill and supported by Lani Forbes to spend \$5950 to Affordable Tree Removal to cut down 4 Village trees

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

Motion passed

Motion by Lani Forbes and supported by Shawn Hill to levy the 2021 Village tax at 7.6145 mills plus administrative fee of 1%.

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

Motion passed

Motion by Lani Forbes and supported by Shawn Hill to add past due water bills to the tax rolls if unpaid at time of tax assessment per the water ordinance # 45 7.11 (c) Delinquent Accounts

#151 238 Beech St. = \$361.20

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

Motion passed

Motion by Lani Forbes and supported by Shawn Hill to set rate for mowing vacant properties to be added to property tax bills at \$100 for single lot and \$250 for double

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

Motion passed

6.) Community Center Cleaning will need to report to and answer to Village DPW.  
All in Favor

**Correspondence:**

TFC loan of \$52909.55 to repair Cressy St from Oak to St Johns has been turned in, waiting for response.

**Announcements:**

Next Council meeting is July 12th, 2021  
Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm  
Shawna Hill  
Village Clerk

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