

Village of Freeport
Committee of the Whole
Minutes
November 7, 2023

Village President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Other council members present – Trustees Madison Cove, Damon Cove, Treasurer Joyce Callihan, and Clerk Shari Clark. Absent – Trustees Lani Forbes and Shawn Hill.

Staff Members present – Water Operator Duane Weeks and Russ Yarger.

No Public Comment.

Reports:

Administration

Miss Dig Membership costs will be researched for more detail before consideration to enroll.

Council Compensation Resolution #08-02 will be updated to eliminate compensation for special meetings.

MML Elected Officials Training opportunities were encouraged.

Determined that it is unnecessary to add the storage building at the Freeport Cemetery to the Village Insurance Policy due to its low value.

Water

The final bill from the contractor for the Water Tower Improvement Project has not yet been received. Weeks reported that he is working with EGLE to conduct the routine 5-year sanitary survey of the Freeport Water System. The first part to discuss water systems & operations has been completed. The second part will be an on site visit to review the physical water system infrastructure, the walk through is scheduled December 12, 2023.

Weeks intends to conduct research on the generator to determine if it needs any service or testing.

Weeks plans to attend an EGLE webinar November 29th regarding DWSRF grant opportunity. The grant supports communities in their efforts to replace lead service lines and ensure safe drinking water for all residents. He will work with Williams & Works engineers, to determine number of existing lead lines, to complete the grant application.

No business discussion regarding Buildings, Streets, & Grounds.

Parks & Recreation

Madison Cove reported that BC Stars Coach has already reached out to schedule fields for 12U and 14U girls softball teams next Spring.

Police

Due to recent resignations within the police department any needs are to be referred to Barry County Sheriff Department. Emergencies, contact 911.

Salvage Inspections are “on hold” until further notice.

The meeting adjourned at 7pm.

The next COW meeting will be held December 5, 2023.

Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk