

Village of Freeport
Council Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024

A regular monthly meeting was held January 8, 2024 at the Freeport Community Center. Village President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

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

Staff present – Water Operator Duane Weeks, DPW Director Collin Crumback, and Brian Allbright.

The minutes of the December 11, 2023 meeting were approved.

No Police Report. Resumés are being accepted.

No public comment.

Treasurer's report was read by Callihan.

Moved by Forbes and supported by D.Cove to pay monthly bills totaling \$3,909.56 plus incoming Consumers Energy bills. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Water Operator Duane Weeks reported he has a meeting set up tomorrow reviewing lowest contractor bids to complete wellhouse project using remaining AARPA funds. He intends to have the map locating lead water lines ready by end of the month.

Moved by Forbes and supported by D.Cove to move forward with lead water line replacement and to accept the \$2,175.00 estimate from Tubergen Construction. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Moved by D.Cove and supported by M.Cove to pay registration fee, accommodations, and reimburse mileage expense for DPW Director Collin Crumback to attend the 2024 MRWA Annual Conference March 19th – 22nd. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Draft Resolution #24-01 to set water rates and charges was read aloud reflecting proposed new water rates. The resolution will be reviewed again at the Special Budget Hearing held just before the regular council meeting for adoption by council on February 12, 2024.

DPW Report was read by Crumback. Moved by Forbes and supported by D.Cove to authorize \$580.00 dump truck repair by State Spring Alignment & Brake. Upon roll call all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Resumés are being accepted for Cleaning of the Community Center and for a Rental Coordinator of the Village Hall.

Moved by D.Cove and supported by M.Cove to update and adopt new Hall Rental Agreement form. In lieu of collecting a deposit, credit card information will be held on file (*then destroyed 7 days following the event*) to hold each reservation and will be charged only in events of improper cleaning (*charged \$25/hour to clean after*) and/or to cover costs for any damages to the building or equipment. All in favor, motion passed.

Moved by Forbes and supported by D.Cove to approve \$1,470.00 expense to purchase new computers & equipment for village office. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Public comment was heard from Ben Lubbers, from Mason, inquiring about naming and mapping of Freeport.

Zoning Administrator Forbes reported a Zoning Violation due to a resident beginning fence construction prior to Zoning Permit approval. A Zoning Violation Citation Fee of \$100 x 2 days will be issued to the property owner and a copy sent to their contractor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

The next COW meeting will be February 6, 2024 at 6:30 pm. The annual BUDGET HEARING will be held on February 12, 2024 at 7pm followed by a regular Council Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk