

Village of Freeport
Committee of the Whole
Minutes
January 2, 2024

Village President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:53 pm.

Other council members present – Trustees Madison Cove, Damon Cove, Lani Forbes, and Clerk Shari Clark.

Absent – Trustee Shawn Hill and Treasurer Joyce Callihan.

Staff Members present – DPW Director Collin Crumback and Water Operator Duane Weeks.

No Public Comment.

Reports:

Administration

Applicants for Cleaning of the Community Center and for a Rental Coordinator of the Village Hall may email resumé to freeportclerk@gmail.com. Job openings for both positions will be posted in the Newsletter.

Hall Rental Agreement form amendments were reviewed for adoption by council at the next meeting.

D.Cove will prepare a list of recommendations for new computers for village office to be presented at next council meeting.

Water

Water Rates Resolution #24-01 draft will be presented at the next council meeting to review for adoption at the February 12, 2024 Budget Hearing.

Weeks is reviewing final tower improvements with engineer Nathan Breese of Williams & Works.

He is in the process of completing the EGLE DWSRF grant.

Weeks recommended to council to authorize DPW Director Crumback to attend classes at the upcoming water conference at Soaring Eagle in March.

Crumback plans to include employee Brian Allbright to participate in some free online water training opportunities.

Buildings, Streets, & Grounds

Crumback was given authorization to rehire Cody Geiger for the season, if needed for snow plowing, at rate of \$14.75 per hour.

The plan for non-motorized transportation improvements, which will bring the village into compliance with MDOT Act 51 MCL Section 247.660k reporting requirements, was updated for the sidewalk replacement project to include the estimated cost of \$10,000.00 and will be completed by October 31, 2024.

The East Street Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project construction should take place this year late summer or early fall. The MDOT documents (design & construction engineering) for the \$164,000.00 grant will be submitted by consultant Ryan Worden P.E. of Scott Civil Engineering Co. The engineering firm will assist Village DPW Director Collin Crumback, as needed, to submit financial documents on behalf of the village. They anticipate that the project will take about 4 weeks to complete. Design Engineering \$13,820.00 & Construction Engineering \$21,300.00 fees, as proposed January 27, 2022, will need to be included in the Major Street budget.

Parks & Recreation

Nothing new to report.

Police

The Village is seeking out applicants to serve on the Freeport Police Department. Resumés may be sent to freeportclerk@gmail.com.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held February 6, 2024.