

Village of Freeport  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2024

A regular monthly meeting was held April 8, 2024 at the Freeport Community Center. Village President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Other council members present – Trustees Lani Forbes, Damon Cove, Madison 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 March 11, 2024 meeting were approved.

Public comment was heard from Tim Griffin expressing interest in the Freeport Police Chief position, he has submitted his resumé, and Jon Smelker sharing updates from Barry County Board of Commissioners.

Treasurer’s Report was read by Callihan.

Moved by Forbes and supported by D.Cove to pay monthly bills totaling \$25,046.79 plus incoming Consumers Energy bills. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Water Operator Weeks has been in contact with engineer to inquire when CSM Mechanical will schedule the wellhouse improvement project. Hydro flushing maintenance to clean major water lines in the village is planned for several days during the last full week of April. Both he and Crumback attended the MRWA annual conference which was very educational. EGLE reporting requirements for lead & copper line services must be met in multiple categories to be completed by October 31, 2024. Each address with lead lines must be listed. Weeks anticipates 80-100 hours work to accomplish these tasks.

DPW Report was read by Director Crumback. Crumback will follow up with fire department or Barry County regarding existing mapping for hydrants. His goal is to change out 30 meters. Waiting on quote from Floor Care Concepts for pickleball courts. TK School volunteers scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> he will ask they pick up sticks and place veteran flags at cemetery. Crumback will follow up on dumpster rental for potential dates for Village Spring Clean Up to be scheduled after Memorial Day.

Sidewalk bids need to be sought out.

Crumback will arrange for a trailer to pick up street light poles from Hastings.

M.Cove will submit the Barry County Parks & Recreation Grant application before the May 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline after receiving the quote from Floor Care Concepts.

Crumback will seek out quotes for tree removal, three dead trees need to come down. Council will discuss setting a budget for tree removal and replacement. Tree replacement grant options and recommended species will be researched.

M.Cove was asked to include in the monthly newsletter village consideration for scheduling Spring Clean Up days but noting past number of issues of residents not following the rules.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held May 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

The next regular Council Meeting will be held May 13, 2024 at 7:30pm.