

Village of Freeport
Council Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2024

A regular monthly meeting of the Freeport Village Council was held August 12, 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, Damon Cove, Madison Cove, Treasurer Joyce Callihan, and Clerk Shari Clark. Absent – Trustee Shawn Hill. Staff present – Police Chief Tim Griffin and DPW Director Collin Crumback.

The minutes of the July 8, 2024 meeting were approved.

Police Report was read by Chief Griffin.

Moved by Lani and supported by D.Cove to approve \$3,870.00 purchase of new Bodycam and Two Camera In-Car System for new police vehicle. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed. Chief Griffin will obtain multiple quotes for upfitting the new police vehicle.

Public comment was heard from Jon Smelker sharing an update 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 \$82,625.84. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

DPW Director Crumback stated the grant to replace water lead service lines had been approved and funds to be used by the end of October.

DPW Report was read by Crumback. Still need to obtain sidewalk and tree removal bids. East Street Bridge Project contract signature documents are complete. Street Poles need to be moved from Hastings by end of September.

Forbes & D.Cove will set up an interview with cleaning applicant Alexis Zapata.

Employee Evaluation forms were due by August 6th, D.Cove & Forbes will go over at next COW meeting.

Forbes will seek out several sidewalk replacement quotes and will work with D.Cove to map out areas to be considered.

Freeport was not awarded the grant funded by the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program, however Council voted to go ahead with the street paving project using village funds. Moved by D.Cove and supported by M.Cove to accept Superior Asphalt, Inc. proposal to resurface Beech Street (between State St & East St) \$51,600.00 and St. John’s Street (between State St & East St) \$49,800.00. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Barry County United Way “Day of Caring” volunteer project needs will be submitted by DPW Director Crumback. The annual event is scheduled September 12, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held September 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm.
The next regular Council Meeting will be held September 9, 2024 at 7:30 pm.