

Village of Freeport  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2024

A regular monthly meeting of the Freeport Village Council was held September 9, 2024 at the Freeport Community Center. Village President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:39 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 August 12, 2024 meeting were approved.

Police Report was read by Chief Griffin.

No Public comment.

Treasurer's Report was read by Callihan.

Moved by Forbes and supported by D.Cove to move \$45,000.00 from Major Street to Local Street Fund. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Moved by Forbes and supported by D.Cove to perform the following budget amendments:

- Under Local Street Income add Reserve Balance \$45,000.00 and under Local Street Expense-Other Expenses add \$45,000.00.
- Under Major Street Income add Reserve Balance \$51,800.00 and under Major Street Expenses-Other Expense add \$51,800.00.
- Under Water Expenses-Maintenance & Repair take \$800.00 and move to Membership Dues & Training.

Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Moved by D.Cove and supported by M.Cove to pay monthly bills totaling \$180,214.24. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

DPW Report was read by Crumback. He requested that the village brush removal flier rules be updated. Concern about truck traffic should be restricted on certain newly paved streets. Village received a \$1,000.00 grant through Barry County United Way Day of Caring. Crumback requested that the village hire additional help within the dpw department.

Moved by Forbes and supported by D.Cove to hire two seasonal dpw employees at \$14 per hour, maximum 30 hours per week, and must pass background check. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed. Openings will be posted on facebook and published.

Employee Evaluations will be reviewed by Forbes & D.Cove at the next COW meeting.

Moved by Forbes and supported by D.Cove to approve the added \$14,000.00 expense to Superior Asphalt, Inc. proposal to resurface additional roadway from State Street to the Community Center. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Moved by Forbes and supported by D.Cove to renew property & liability insurance policy with BHS. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Moved by D.Cove and supported by Forbes to approve the Bi-Annual Audit as prepared by Walker Fluke & Sheldon, PLC. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Resolution #24-03 FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL MDOT AGREEMENT 24-5348 contract between the Village of Freeport and the Michigan Department of Transportation for work on the North East Street Bridge over Coldwater River was offered by Council Member Lani Forbes and supported by Council Member Madison Cove. Upon roll call all voted "Aye". President Andrews declared the resolution adopted.

Public comment was heard from Mike Wright asking if placement of street light poles will be considered at that end of town, shared an update on his building improvement projects, and inquired if the village has had any conversations about a future sewer system. There are no plans at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held October 1, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

The next regular Council Meeting will be held October 14, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

*Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk*