

Village of Freeport
Council Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2025

A regular monthly meeting of the Freeport Village Council was held January 13, 2025 at the Freeport Community Center. Village President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

Other council members present – Trustees Lani Forbes, Hannah Clewell, Amanda Slagstad, and Shane Faunce (upon appointment), Treasurer Joyce Callihan, and Clerk Shari Clark.

Staff present –Police Chief Tim Griffin, DPW Director Collin Crumback, and Brian Allbright.

Absent – Water Operator Duane Weeks.

Council approved appointment of Shane Faunce to fill Trustee vacancy for a partial term ending November 3, 2026. Faunce was officially sworn in the by the Clerk.

The minutes of the December 9, 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 Clewell to perform the following budget amendments:

- General Fund Increase Expenses for Cemetery \$3,000.00 and Decrease Street Lighting Expenses by \$3,000.00.
- General Fund Increase Expenses for Park Facilities \$4,000.00 and Decrease Capital Outlay by \$4,000.00.
- Water Fund Decrease Expenses Contractual Services by \$800.00 and Increase Expenses for Electric \$300.00 and Membership Dues & Training \$500.00.
- Local Street Fund Decrease Salaries by \$2,650.00 and Increase Expenses under Other expenses \$2,650.00.
- Local Street Fund Increase Truck Expense by \$1,000.00 & Equipment Rental by \$1,000.00 and Decrease Winter Maintenance by \$2,000.00.

Upon Roll Call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Moved Forbes and supported by Slagstad to pay monthly bills totaling \$28,042.69. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

DPW Report was read by Crumback. Burial this Friday for Bud Fish with a luncheon to follow at the Community Center. Water meters are being installed with 103 to go. Electric has been run to the pole barn and heat to the quonset hut. Repair is needed for the dump truck.

Moved by Clewell and supported by Slagstad to approve a one year rental agreement with the Freeport District Library at a rate of \$3,200.00. Upon Roll Call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Slagstad to adopt RESOLUTION #25-01 TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT applying for \$50,700.00 funding through MDOT to resurface Warren & Maple Streets. Upon Roll Call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed. President Andrews declared the resolution adopted.

Moved by Clewell and supported by Slagstad to readopt Freeport Village Council Rules of Procedure as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

No Public comment.

President Andrews read recent correspondence. DPW Director will look into the drain inquiry at 175 East Street. Hammond Road condition is already being addressed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held February 4, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

The annual Budget Hearing will be held February 10, 2025 at 7 pm followed by a regular Council Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk