

Village of Freeport  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2025

A regular monthly meeting of the Freeport Village Council was held February 10, 2025 at the Freeport Community Center. Village President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

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

Staff present – Water Operator Duane Weeks. Absent – Police Chief Tim Griffin and DPW Director Collin Crumback.

The minutes of the January 13, 2025 meeting were approved.

Police Report written by Chief Griffin was reviewed.

No public comment.

Treasurer's Report was read by Callihan.

Moved Forbes and supported by Clewell to pay monthly bills totaling \$8,895.76. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Water Operator Duane Weeks reported that the water system is operating smoothly as expected. He shared that EGLE is granting a monitor reduction for the Village based upon review of the Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) monitoring history and has determined the Village of Freeport is reliably and consistently below the Maximum Contaminant Level for VOCs. Effective immediately, the Village of Freeport has reduced to 3-YEAR VOC monitoring from TP100 due between January 1-September 30, 2027.

Weeks made recommendation to authorize registration & accommodations for Collin Crumback to attend the MRWA 2025 Annual Conference March 18-21, 2025. Moved by Forbes and supported by Faunce to approve conference registration fee and overnight accommodations. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed. President Andrews designated Collin Crumback as Voting Delegate and Duane Weeks as Alternate representing the Village during the March 19, 2025 MRWA Annual Business Meeting at the Conference.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Clewell to adopt the proposed 2025/26 budget. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Moved by Clewell and supported by Slagstad to adopt RESOLUTION #25-02 TO SET WATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE VILLAGE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Slagstad to adopt RESOLUTION #25-03 VARIOUS FEES. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed. New rates will go into effect on March 1, 2025.

Public comment was heard from Christa Wetzel from Barry County Community Mental Health to share updates about the agency and how they are expanding their services by integrating with other resources to address medical and behavioral health needs.

Public comment was heard from Jon Smelker to share updates from Barry County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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

The next regular Council Meeting will be held March 10, 2025 at 7:30 pm.

*Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk*