

Village of Freeport
Committee of the Whole
Minutes
February 4, 2025

Village President Pro Tempore Lani Forbes called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
Others present – Trustees Amanda Slagstad, Shane Faunce, & Hannah Clewell, Clerk Shari Clark, DPW Director Collin Crumback, Police Chief Tim Griffin, and Treasurer Joyce Callihan.
Absent – President Bill Andrews and Water Operator Duane Weeks.

No Public Comment

Reports:

Administration

Budget Review was presented by Forbes. She will make final adjustments to be reviewed at the Budget Hearing.

Resolutions #25-02 Water Rates and #25-03 Various Fees were reviewed. Forbes will make suggested changes to the Fee Schedule. Both Resolutions will be presented for adoption at the next council meeting.

The Michigan Earned Sick Time Act, effective 2/21/25, requirements were explained by Treasurer Callihan. This will apply to all full time, part time, and salaried employees of the village.

Water

Crumback will be registering for the MRWA Annual Conference March 18-21, 2025 at Grand Traverse Resort.

Municipal Supply Co. has closed their business. Crumback presented a list of water maintenance supplies the Village can purchase at discounted rate, \$1,275.14 payable upon receipt, which will be included on the monthly bills sheet for approval by council at the next meeting.

Crumback reported that there are 89 new meter installations remaining to complete the project. Fliers will be mailed out to those residents to schedule installation with the DPW Director. Clewell will create the flier, Clerk will print, Treasurer will mail them out.

Buildings, Streets, & Grounds

Crumback stated that enforcement is needed to keep streets clear for snow plowing between 2am-6am.

Parks & Recreation

Amanda Slagstad volunteered to be the Master Scheduler for Ball Field Scheduling. Forbes will talk to Madie Cove to get input on how she tracked the game/practice schedules in the past and list of teams contact information.

Police

The new police cruiser is in to be upfitted this week then will go out for decals.

The police department was given the go ahead to address junk vehicle and parking violations in accordance with Village Ordinances. Chief Griffin will research purchasing of local citation tickets versus civil infraction citations. Clewell inquired if the Freeport Police Department has any intention to resume salvage inspections. Chief Griffin is no longer certified, there are options through other police departments/ inspectors.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held March 4, 2025.