

Village of Freeport
Council Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2025

A regular monthly meeting of the Freeport Village Council was held September 8, 2025 at the Freeport Community Center. Village President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:31 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, Police Chief Tim Griffin, and DPW Director Collin Crumback.

The minutes of the August 11, 2025 meeting were read and approved.

Police report was read by Chief Griffin.

Public Comment was heard from Gilbert Townsend objecting to a recent junk vehicle notice he received and Rocky Tinsman to praise the village for recent pavement work completed.

Treasurer's Report was read by Callihan.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Slagstad to pay monthly bills totaling \$41,335.00. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Water Operator Duane Weeks reported that he is no longer the village's primary Water Operator. Collin Crumback is now listed with the state as Water Operator in charge, Weeks is listed as a back up operator. He is still filling out reports and working with Collin. All required sampling with the state has been submitted. A major modification report will be filed after lead testing verification with residential lines. He will always be available to Crumback.

Moved by Faunce and supported by Clewell to reduce Weeks salary to \$200.00 per month and increase Crumback's wage \$1.15 per hour. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

DPW Report was read by Crumback. He will complete DPW employee evaluations by end of the week. The salt spreader he purchased has been successfully installed on the truck; he will submit bill for reimbursement. He shared an application from a high school student seeking to work after school for DPW. Moved by Clewell and supported by Faunce to hire Ron Barringer to work up to 12 hours per week at a rate of \$14.00 per hour. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Clewell shared an update on employee evaluations.

Crumback presented DPW applications, Forbes will set up interview times.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held October 7, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

The next regular Council Meeting will be held October 13, 2025 at 7:30 pm.