

Village of Freeport  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2025

A regular monthly meeting of the Freeport Village Council was held December 8, 2025 at the Freeport Community Center. Village President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

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

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

A formal letter of resignation was submitted by Shane Faunce stepping down as Village Trustee in order to accept the DPW position for the Village of Freeport. Moved by Forbes to accept his resignation and hire Shane Faunce full time at a rate of \$21.00 per hour. Upon roll call the following voted “Aye”: Forbes, Clewell, and Andrews. “Nay”: none. Abstain: Slagstad. Motion passed.

The minutes of the November 10, 2025 meeting were read and approved.

Police report prepared by Chief Griffin was reviewed.

No public comment.

Treasurer’s Report was read by Callihan.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Clewell to amend the budget under General Expenses moving \$1000.00 from Sidewalks/Infrastructure to Insurance & Bonds and to increase Insurance & Bonds by \$4,000.00. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Moved by Clewell and supported by Slagstad to pay monthly bills presented less Waste Recovery Systems totaling \$8,062.49 plus incoming Consumers Energy bills. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Water Operator Crumback reported he is working on submitting the 2024 notification letter sent out to affected property owners to EGLE. There remain 13 shut offs scheduled for next Monday.

DPW report was read by Crumback.

VILLAGE ORDINANCE #55 CEMETERY ORDINANCE which was adopted November 10, 2025 and published in its entirety on November 15, 2025 was reviewed with no objections heard.

Moved by Clewell and supported by Slagstad to approve 2026 meeting calendars as written. Council meetings to be held on the second Mondays at 7:30 pm and Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings be held on the first Tuesdays at 6:30 pm each month. The annual Budget Hearing will be held February 9, 2026 at 7pm. All in favor, motion passed.

President Andrews reappointed Lani Forbes as President Pro Tempore.

*Village Residents interested in serving as Trustee on the Freeport Village Council to fill a partial term ending November 3, 2026 may submit a letter of interest with resumé to [freeportclerk@gmail.com](mailto:freeportclerk@gmail.com) or mail to PO Box 10, Freeport, MI 49325*

Public comment was heard from Jon Smelker sharing an update from Barry County Board of Commissioners.

Correspondence was reviewed from Aletha Titus regarding use of the Community Center Parking lot in April. Additional information is needed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held January 6, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

The next regular Council Meeting will be held January 12, 2026 at 7:30 pm.

*Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk*