

Village of Freeport
Council Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2026

A regular monthly meeting of the Freeport Village Council was held January 12, 2026 at the Freeport Community Center. Village President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

All council members present – Trustees Lani Forbes, Amanda Faunce, Hannah Clewell, Treasurer Joyce Callihan, and Clerk Shari Clark. There is one Trustee vacancy.

Staff present – Water Operator / DPW Director Collin Crumback.

Absent –Police Chief Tim Griffin and Back Up Water Operator Duane Weeks.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Faunce to adopt the agenda with one item added under New Business “2026 Budget”. All in favor, motion passed.

The minutes of the December 8, 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 Faunce to pay monthly bills totaling \$20,759.12. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Water Operator Crumback reported he is trying to get approved for MiEHDWIS through EGLE and will do the 2026 sanitary survey next week.

DPW report was read by Crumback.

Moved by Clewell and supported by Faunce to accept \$2,500.00 estimate from Garage Door Doctor to install new garage door at the storage building. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Village Residents interested in serving as Trustee on the Freeport Village Council to fill a partial term ending November 3, 2026 may submit an application or resumé to freeportclerk@gmail.com or mail to PO Box 10, Freeport, MI 49325. Applicants & nominations will be considered and shall be filled by appointment of the Freeport Village Council.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Faunce to renew the annual rental agreement with Freeport District Library at the rate of \$3,300.00. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Moved by Clewell and supported by Faunce to affirm authorization of \$400,000.00 transferred on 11/14/2025 from the General Fund to open a new CD with Thornapple Credit Union at 4.25% APR for a term of three months which will mature on 2/16/2026. Authorized users listed on the account are Joyce Callihan, Shari Clark, Luana Forbes, and Bill Andrews. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Forbes requested that each department review their budgets for 2026/27 & 2027/28 to provide updated information to her prior to the Budget Hearing which will be held February 9, 2026.

No public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held February 3, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

A BUDGET HEARING will be held February 9, 2026 at 7 pm followed by a regular Council Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk