

Village of Freeport
Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026

A regular monthly meeting of the Freeport Village Council was held February 9, 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 and Police Chief Tim Griffin.

Absent – Back Up Water Operator Duane Weeks.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Clewell to adopt the agenda with one item added under Treasurer’s Report “Budget Amendments”. All in favor, motion passed.

The minutes of the January 12, 2026 meeting were read and approved with one spelling correction.

Police report was read by Chief Griffin.

Public Comment was heard from Freeport Library Director Tammy Borden to share information about the upcoming library millage proposal which will be placed on the August 4, 2026 ballot.

Treasurer’s Report was read by Callihan.

Moved by Clewell and supported by Forbes to pay monthly bills totaling \$14,459.96. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Moved Forbes and supported by Clewell to make the following amendments to the budget:

- General Fund Expenses increase Cemetery by \$3,000.00 and decrease Police by \$3,000.00.
- Water Expenses increase Office Supplies by \$500.00, decrease Maintenance & Repair \$7,000.00, increase Electric \$3,500.00, increase Equipment Rental \$4,000.00, increase Water Testing \$500.00, and increase Capital Outlay by \$8,000.00.
- Local Street Expenses increase Truck Expense by \$500.00, increase Equipment Rental by \$2,000.00, and decrease Other Expenses by \$2,500.00.
- Major Street Expenses decrease Winter Maintenance by \$5,000.00 and increase Other Expenses by \$5,000.00.

Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Water Operator & DPW reports were read by Crumback.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Clewell to approve registration & accommodation expenses not to exceed \$2,200.00 for Collin Crumback & Shane Faunce to attend the MRWA Annual Conference to be held March 17-20, 2026. Upon roll call: Forbes, Clewell, and Andrews voted “Aye”. Abstain - Amanda Faunce. Motion passed.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Clewell to designate Collin Crumback as Voting Delegate and Shane Faunce as Alternate at the MRWA Annual Business Meeting March 18, 2026. All in favor, 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 adopt the 2026/27 Budget as presented. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Clewell to authorize roll over of TCU CD \$402,846.12 plus any additional interest earned upon maturity 2/16/2026 for the same terms 4.25% APR for three months with new maturity date of 5/16/2026. Authorized users listed on the account are Joyce Callihan, Shari Clark, Luanna Forbes, and Bill Andrews. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Public comment - Lani Forbes shared that Barry County United Way is offering a Pop UP Tax Preparation program, which offers free tax help to households with an annual income under \$69,000.00, to be held at the Freeport Community Center on March 9, 2026 between 10am-2pm. Appointments are required.

Shane Faunce requested that council establish a Parking Ordinance to regulate parking hours on Main Street which will help with snow plowing issues.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held March 3rd at 6:30 pm and regular Council Meeting will be held March 9, 2026 at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk