

Village of Freeport
Committee of the Whole
Minutes
March 3, 2026

President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Others present – Trustees Hannah Clewell, & Amanda Faunce, Clerk Shari Clark, Treasurer Joyce Callihan, Water Operator/DPW Director Collin Crumback, and Police Chief Tim Griffin.

Absent – Trustee Lani Forbes and Back Up Water Operator Duane Weeks.

No Public Comment.

Reports:

Administration

One Trustee vacancy remains for partial term ending November 3, 2026.

Auditor proposals were reviewed and compared. As requested, Clerk inquired with Rehmann if annual audits are required, due to state grants received. The answer is no, an every year audit is only required due to size of population. Freeport falls below that number and may continue to have bi-annual audits.

Water

A Site Survey was completed with 5 deficiencies found. Crumback will submit an Emergency Response Plan to EGLE and Williams & Works will prepare the Asset Management Plan as outlined in the grant. Crumback is working with EGLE to comply with all requirements.

DPW staff is making much progress on sorting & organizing records and working with EGLE to determine which documents may be properly disposed of. They also met with MRWA representative for additional assistance whose services were provided for free.

Crumback intends to meet with the Batco representative at the MRWA conference to discuss utility locator quotes.

Buildings, Streets, & Grounds

Crumback is waiting on electrician proposals from Buist Electric for the street light poles. Windemuller requested an engineer's plan first. Crumback will seek out additional proposals from Evan's Electric and Electrical Unlimited.

Hickory Ridge Tree Service contacted Crumback to inquire if the village has any interest in purchasing equipment he will be selling. The list will be reviewed for consideration once he gets the information to Crumback.

Parks & Recreation

Rangerbid has taken photos of some of the old mowers Crumback is recommending be sold for auction March 17, 2026. Older equipment recommended to be sold & replaced will be reviewed at the next Village Council meeting.

Amanda Faunce has scheduled ball games April – August 2026 for two teams, has not yet heard from the church league. No fee has been charged to any teams over the past few years. Discussion led to if the village should request fees to help cover expenses to maintain & mark the fields and other supplies. One Freeport Coed team has requested to use the lights which were donated & installed by Freeport Goodworks last season. Crumback will be getting 5 yards of stone dust once finished using salt for the winter season.

Clewell inquired about the order status of a new slide for the park authorized for purchase up to \$1,000.00 expense back in July 2025. Crumback will place the order.

Police

(no new business)

Public Comment heard from Shane Faunce who suggested that the village consider opening an Amazon Account. Tax exempt for Municipalities, a free 2-year membership is available, and discounts offered on some items.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held April 7, 2026.

Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk