

Village of Freeport  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2026

A regular monthly meeting of the Freeport Village Council was held March 9, 2026 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 Faunce, Hannah Clewell, Treasurer Joyce Callihan, and Clerk Shari Clark. There is one Trustee vacancy.

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

The minutes of the February 9, 2026 Budget Hearing and Council meetings were approved.

Police report was read by Chief Griffin.

Public Comment was heard from Jeremy & Joyce Pitman inquiring about the Freeport Water Connection Ordinance and rules or regulations regarding a second water source.

Treasurer's Report was read by Callihan.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Faunce to pay monthly bills totaling \$7,972.68 plus incoming Consumers Bills. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Water Operator & DPW reports were read by Crumback.

Silversmith Data proposal has been received; Crumback will meet with them this week to discuss software options. Williams & Works will assist with the Asset Management Plan and Community Education as required by the LSLR Grant process. The education component must be complete by Spring 2026.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Clewell to place used equipment (2006 exmark, 2015 Ferris, & woods finish mowers and 1976 Ford Tractor) for Auction on March 17, 2026. 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 Community Center by \$1,200.00 and increase Insurance & Bonds by \$900.00.
- Water Expenses increase Salaries by \$600.00, decrease Supplies \$600.00, decrease Telephone by \$700.00, increase Equipment Rental by \$100.00, and increase Membership Dues & Training by \$600.00.
- Local Street Expenses decrease Salaries by \$3770.00, decrease Payroll Taxes by \$470.00, decrease Truck Expense by \$50.00, increase Equipment Rental by \$4,950.00, increase Winter Maintenance by \$935.00, decrease Audit Expense by \$500.00, and decrease Other Expenses by \$575.00.
- Major Street Expenses decrease Salaries by \$1,819.00, decrease Payroll Taxes by \$200.00, decrease Truck Expense by \$3,780.00, increase Equipment Rental by \$8,025.00, and decrease Winter Maintenance by \$2,226.00.

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](mailto: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 Clewell and supported by Faunce to accept Gabridge & Co Auditor Proposal not to exceed \$12,320.00 for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2026. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Public Comment from Jeremy Pitman inquiring about the Trustee Vacancy.

Correspondence was reviewed by Council from Jeremy & Joyce Pitman regarding Permit Application for an On-Site Water Supply System. More research will be conducted by the Village Council & Water Operator before a response.

Condolences were shared for the family of Russell Yarger upon his passing. He served on the Freeport Fire Department for over 50 years and worked for the Village DPW for many years.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held April 7, 2026 at 6:30 pm and regular Council Meeting will be held April 13, 2026 at 7:30 pm.

*Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk*