

Village of Freeport  
Committee of the Whole  
Minutes  
April 7, 2026

President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

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

Absent – Trustee Lani Forbes, Police Chief Tim Griffin, and Back Up Water Operator Duane Weeks.

No Public Comment.

Reports:

**Administration**

Crumback proposed and supported by President Andrews that no burial fee should be charged to the family of Russ Yarger due to his many years of service as Freeport Cemetery Sexton. No burial fee will be charged.

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

Spring Clean Up is tentatively set for Friday May 29 & Saturday May 30, 2026. *It was also noted that Barry County Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held May 2, 2026 at the Expo Center/ Fairgrounds 9am-3pm.*

MTTP Insurance Risk Control representative will conduct a routine site visit on Monday April 13, 2026.

Correspondence from Barry County Central Dispatch was read regarding Duane Weeks seeking to serve another term on their Administrative Board. There were no objections heard.

Shane Faunce reached 90 days of employment for the village DPW on March 8, 2026. As stated during his interview, he will be eligible to receive a \$1.00 per hour raise after 90 days.

**Water**

President Andrews, Trustee Forbes, and Water Operator Crumback are still researching Pitman request for a secondary water supply.

Registration & Fee for Shane Faunce to attend MRWA S3 & S4 Training on April 28 & 29, 2026 has been mailed.

Crumback requested that Silversmith Software \$571.00 purchase and \$500.00 purchase of 3 – 4x4 white boards from Viscom be added to the council agenda.

The Batco representative will be bringing in a few Utility Locaters to demonstrate to the DPW.

**Buildings, Streets, & Grounds**

Crumback is still waiting on electrician proposal from Buist Electric for the street light poles and is waiting for a call back from Evan's Electric.

Crumback will order new veteran flags for the cemetery.

The shed placed at 168 Oak Street must be moved or eavestroughs placed on it due to causing flooding in the village garage.

**Parks & Recreation**

Old mowers & Equipment sold through Rangerbid brought in \$7,800.00.

New mower bids were reviewed from Burnips \$12,034.00, MC Supply \$11,684.00, John Deere \$13,000.00, and ExMark \$11,359.00 (w/ ExMark five-year warranty).

Crumback requested that the Ball Field Schedule differentiate practice days & game days which affects necessary field preparation. Five yards of stone dust has been applied to both fields and now handles water very well.

Clewell inquired again 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 is still researching options.

**Police**

(no new business)

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held May 5, 2026.

*Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk*