

Village of Freeport  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2026

A regular monthly meeting of the Freeport Village Council was held April 13, 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, and Back Up Water Operator Duane Weeks.

Absent - Police Chief Tim Griffin.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Faunce to accept the agenda with one addition:

Add Unfinished Business Item 2. Resolution #26-01 TEDF Grant & Contract. Motion passed.

The minutes of the March 9, 2026 Council meeting were approved.

Police report submitted by Chief Griffin was reviewed.

Public Comment was heard Gary White about Barry County's lack of remote work policies.

Treasurer's Report was read by Callihan.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Faunce to pay monthly bills totaling \$38,789.26. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Water Operator & DPW reports were read by Crumback.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Clewell to accept Silversmith Data proposal \$571.00 per year for GPS survey equipment of the village water system. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Electrician proposals for street light pole placement / sidewalk are still being sought out.

*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.*

Lani Forbes offered RESOLUTION #26-01 TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT and supported by Amanda Faunce which authorizes Village President Bill Andrews and President Pro Tempore Lani Forbes to act as agents on behalf of the Village of Freeport to sign all necessary documents for the TEDF Category B program funding, contract #25-5588 to resurface Warren & Maple Streets. The Contract was accepted and signed between the Village of Freeport and Michigan Department of Transportation. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed. President Andrews declared the resolution adopted.

Mower quotes were reviewed by Council. Moved by Forbes and supported by Clewell to authorize \$11,359.00 expense to purchase an eXmark 2026 Lazer Z S-Series 25.5 HP Mower from Wolf Kubota in Byron Center which includes a five-year warranty. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Village officials have been working with EGLE, Barry County, Health Department, and other municipalities researching Pitman's inquiry to place an irrigation well on their property. A final determination has not yet been reached.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Clewell to increase DPW Employee Shane Faunce's hourly wage by \$1.00 per hour due to his positive work performance over the past 120+ days. Upon roll call the following voted "Aye": Hannah Clewell, Lani Forbes, and Bill Andrews. Abstain: Amanda Faunce. One vacancy.

Tentative Spring Clean Up dates/times set for Friday May 29 (10am-7pm) and Saturday May 30, 2026 (9am – 5 pm).

Public Comment was heard from Jon Smelker who shared updates from Barry County Board of Commissioners and from Gary White.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held May 5, 2026 at 6:30 pm and regular Council Meeting will be held May 11, 2026 at 7:30 pm.