

Village of Freeport
Committee of the Whole
Minutes
May 5, 2026

President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

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

Absent – Police Chief Tim Griffin and Back Up Water Operator Duane Weeks.

No Public Comment.

Reports:

Administration

Spring Clean Up will be held Friday May 29 (10 am – 7pm) & Saturday May 30, 2026 (9am-3pm) by the water tower. No tires, batteries, refrigerators, or appliances with refrigerant. Village residents only.

MTTP Insurance Risk Control visit went well. No immediate concerns were identified. The Par Plan Grant Program is available; Crumback will get a list of safety supplies needed to Forbes to submit a grant application.

Village insurance claim for septic tank incident July 29, 2025 was received to reimburse expenses paid out to Waste Recovery Systems.

Barry Community Foundation Grant opportunity was forwarded to the Freeport Historical Society for consideration. The Village of Freeport may need to write the grant.

Water

Forbes has followed up with Pitman's regarding their request for a secondary water supply.

In response to multiple inquiries about Ready to Serve Rates: REU's were established and set by the State of Michigan EGLE based upon many variables. The Village did not set the rates.

Buildings, Streets, & Grounds

Andrews & Clewell will seek out sidewalk bids. Village needs to reach out to its residents to focus on areas they want sidewalks and other repairs.

MDOT Agreement 25-5588 - TEDF Grant Contract has been signed & approved to resurface Warren & Maple Streets (from St. Johns St to Race St). The total project cost \$101,400.00 less \$50,700.00 grant funds leave the village share \$50,700.00 balance.

Forbes reported that she contacted Barry County Road Commission to express dissatisfaction with recent contracted work done on Hammond Road. They discussed what additional work is needed and proposed investing an additional \$5,000.00 for more gravel to completely fix the road.

Crumback will research best options to address East Street pavement deterioration caused by truck traffic and crack sealing needed to maintain Cherry Street and other streets.

Parks & Recreation

The pickle ball courts preparation steps are underway which must be completed before the surface can be applied.

Crumback is still researching vendors to purchase a new slide for the park.

Police

(no new business)

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held June 2, 2026.

Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk