

Village of Freeport
Council Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2026

A regular monthly meeting of the Freeport Village Council was held June 8, 2026 at the Freeport Community Center. Village President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:35 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, Shane Faunce, and Brian Allbright. Absent - Police Chief Tim Griffin.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Clewell to accept the agenda with the following changes: Remove “Water Shut Off Fee” from under DPW Report and add New Business #1. Increase Wages. All in favor, motion passed.

The minutes of the May 11, 2026 Council meeting were approved.

Moved by Forbes and supported by A.Faunce to accept the Police report submitted by Chief Griffin. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment was heard from Brian Allbright thanking the village for purchasing a new mower. On behalf of Freeport Goodworks, he requested the closure of certain streets, same as last year, for the annual Freeport Homecoming Event scheduled August 1, 2026 but to extend main street all the way down to East Street. Streets to be used/blocked for the Classic Car Show held upon multiple streets: Division St from N. State to East St, Warren St from Oak to Cherry, Maple St from Oak (alley) to Cherry (alley), blocking Irving Rd at Division, Craft Vendors on Warren St, and Main Street. Freeport Goodworks also requested outside music be allowed to play until midnight. Council granted approval.

Jon Smelker shared updates from Barry County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the Freeport Historical Society invited anyone interested to attend the Freeport Alumni Reunion which will be held at the Freeport Community Center July 9, 2026 2-5pm for cookies, punch, & coffee.

Treasurer’s Report was read by Callihan.

Moved by Forbes and supported by A.Faunce to pay monthly bills totaling \$6,108.94 plus incoming Consumers Energy Bills. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Water Operator & DPW reports were read by Crumback.

He also reported that ten Barry County Youth Volunteers will work six hours on June 10, 2026 to help clean up brush. He announced that Freeport now has three certified water operators.

Forbes shared that Thornapple Credit Union employees will do volunteer work for the village on June 13, 2026.

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 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 Forbes and supported by Clewell to increase Shane Faunce (achieving Level 3 Water Operator Certification) and Collin Crumback (achieving Level 4 Water Operator Certification) hourly wages each \$1.00 per hour. Upon roll call the following voted “Aye”: Clewell, Forbes, and Andrews. “Abstain”: A. Faunce. One Vacancy. Motion passed.

Public Comment was heard from Shane Faunce extending appreciation to Joe Dutcher for his donation of 15 bags of mulch for the hill going into the cemetery. Council expressed thanks to Joe Dutcher and to the Faunce’s for flowers & flags placed at the cemetery.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

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

Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk