

Village of Freeport
Council Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2026

A regular monthly meeting of the Freeport Village Council was held August 10, 2026 at the Freeport Community Center. Village President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

All council members present – Trustees Lani Forbes, Amanda Faunce, Alex Hobday, Michael Underwood, Treasurer Joyce Callihan, and Clerk Shari Clark.

Staff present –Water Operator / DPW Director Collin Crumback and DPW staff Shane Faunce.

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

Moved by Forbes and supported by A.Faunce to adopt the agenda with one addition under Unfinished Business “Freeport Historical Society Grant”. All in favor, motion passed.

Moved by Forbes and supported by A.Faunce to approve the July 13, 2026 minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

Police Report was reviewed by Council.

Public Comment was heard Melissa VanSiclen seeking clarification on Village Zoning Regulations for camping within the village, share concerns about pedestrian safety & propose new signage asking if the speed limit on Main St could be reduced, and point out that the village limits & 25mph signs are not posted at Fighter Rd.

Treasurer’s Report was read by Callihan.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Hobday to increase Water Expenses Budget for Membership Dues & Training by \$1,000.00. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Moved by Forbes and supported by A.Faunce to authorize Village Treasurer to renew the CD with Thornapple Credit Union when it matures plus add an additional \$100,000.00 from General Fund. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Moved by Forbes and supported by A.Faunce to transfer \$27,000.00 from General Fund (budgeted under Misc Income) to Local Street Fund to cover Barry County Road Commission invoices. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Moved by Forbes and supported by A.Faunce to pay monthly bills totaling \$34,937.81. Upon roll call, all voted “Aye”. Motion passed.

Forbes shared an update on the state bid process for the MDOT TEDF Grant for Warren & Maple Street paving. Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by Village of Freeport until Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 5pm local time. At that time the Bids received will be read.

Forbes shared that the Barry Community Foundation awarded \$4,667.00 grant through the S.C. Blood Family Fund which was submitted by the Village of Freeport on behalf of the Freeport Historical Society which will be used for Agricultural photo preservation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held September 1, 2026 at 6:30 pm and regular Council Meeting will be held September 14, 2026 at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk