

Village of Freeport
Council Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2026

A regular monthly meeting of the Freeport Village Council was held September 14, 2026 at the Freeport Community Center. Village President Bill Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

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

Staff present –Water Operator / DPW Director Collin Crumback, Police Chief Tim Griffin, and DPW staff Shane Faunce. Absent - Back Up Water Operator Duane Weeks.

Moved by Hobday and supported by A.Faunce to approve the August 10, 2026 Council Minutes and August 19, 2026 Special Council Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

Police Report was read by Chief Griffin.

No Public Comment.

Treasurer's Report was read by Callihan.

The Clerk shared some changes which will be made to the annual BHS Insurance policy renewal. Scheduled Equipment will be updated with any items valued under \$25,000.00 moved and listed under Unscheduled Equipment/Miscellaneous Property & Equipment whose limit will be increased to reflect value of equipment moved.

Moved by A.Faunce and supported by Hobday to pay monthly bills totaling \$34,976.21. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Water Operator Report was read by Crumback. Recent water leaks have been resolved. S.Faunce has an upcoming water treatment exam and several employees are enrolled in upcoming courses.

DPW Report was read by Crumback.

Forbes is looking into seeking proposals for electrician proposals and sidewalks.

The Village contracted with Thermal-Tec Roofing for a MR Multi-Ply Roof System in October 2017 with a 10-year warranty. They will honor their annual inspection agreement through October 26, 2027. Any leaks outside the area they serviced will be a billable repair. Once the village is out of warranty, they can still perform the annual inspection at the same cost of \$243.83.

Council ramified the necessary hydraulic cylinder repairs for the backhoe totaling \$3,600.00 which had been preapproved by President Andrews.

Crumback presented options from Donovan Equipment Co, Inc. to repair the dump truck cylinder \$250.00 for new seal kit or \$2,495.00 for a mailhot cylinder.

Moved by Hobday and supported by A.Faunce to authorize up to \$250.00 for the roof inspection by Thermal-Tech. Upon roll call, all voted "aye". Motion passed.

Moved by Hobday and supported by A.Faunce to approve up to \$300.00 for a new seal kit for the dump truck. Upon roll call, all voted "aye". Motion passed.

Public comment was heard from Jon Smelker who shared updates from Barry County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held October 6, 2026 at 6:30 pm and regular Council Meeting will be held October 12, 2026 at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk