

Village of Freeport
Council Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2026

A regular monthly meeting of the Freeport Village Council was held October 12, 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, Michael Underwood, & Alex Hobday, Treasurer Joyce Callihan, and Clerk Shari Clark.

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

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

Moved by Forbes and supported by A.Faunce to approve the September 14, 2026 Council Minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

Police Report written by Chief Griffin was reviewed by council.

Public Comment was heard from Pastor Ben Bjorlie asking if The Gathering Place Church may use the field next to the Community Center on November 7, 2026 for a flag football tournament. The event will be open to the community and held approximately 9:30am-2pm. Council had no objections.

Treasurer's Report was read by Callihan.

Moved by Forbes and supported by Hobday to pay monthly bills totaling \$59,150.73 less Motorola Solutions, Inc. \$19,506.72 which billed above the price quoted by Chrouch Communications, Inc. Upon roll call, all voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Water Operator Crumback reported that he has 27 meters left to change out, he is making a list of multiple galvanized lines to have Tubergen out to work on, has already submitted a cross-connection report to EGLE and now needs to create a cross-connection plan. Forbes reported that the final expenses were submitted for the LSLR grant. The village has received written water management and asset management plans. These community outreach documents which will be posted on our website.

DPW Report was read by Crumback.

Forbes presented an hourly wage comparison sheet with recommendations, based upon a 4% increase, for employee wage increases. Moved by Forbes and supported by Hobday to increase wages as presented. Upon roll call, A.Faunce abstained, all others voted "Aye". Motion passed.

The draft Bi-Annual Audit prepared by Gabridge & Company was presented by Forbes. The auditor's opinion states that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village, as of February 28, 2026, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America. Forbes stated that the village's financial position is good and it's considered a clean audit. The final audit report will be posted on the village website.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

The next COW meeting will be held November 3, 2026 at 6:30 pm and regular Council Meeting will be held November 9, 2026 at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by Shari Clark, Village Clerk