

**Fredericksburg Village Council Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

Convene / Establish Quorum:

Roll call: Barb Yutzy, Jean Spencer, Luke Martin, Missy Sidle, Jenny Reed, Logan Shirk

Others: Joe Chupp, Mayor; Shawn McKelvey, Fiscal Officer; Barbara Biro, Solicitor

Library Minute: Charlotte Cutting- The next edition of the Fredericksburg History Book is currently at the publishers. The library is asking for permission to place a dumpster on E. Clay Street for a cleanup session. The dumpster would take up two parking spaces around January 12th and would remain for approximately 5 days. Council has no issue with this request.

Visitors: Joe Arthur, Village BPA- Did not seek re-election and Council will need to find someone to fill his seat in January.

Sheriff's Office Report: Deputies continue to be present in and around the Village at certain times of the day. Ms. Sidle noticed several crew trucks speeding through town on W. Clay St. around the 4:30pm timeframe. Sheriff's office was notified and a deputy has been sighted in the area. Mayor Chupp continues to have conversations with Sheriff Ballinger on a partnership with neighboring Townships and Villages for increased coverage. One idea is that Mt. Eaton has their own police force and it was discussed on whether it's possible to have a shared service with them. Mt. Eaton has a Mayor's Court, which hires a part time Magistrate to come in once per month.

Ms. Sidle has had a conversation with someone from outside the Village that has sent a letter to Sheriff Ballinger attempting to schedule a public meeting to discuss increased coverage in the area. This meeting should include neighboring townships and Village entities.

Street Administrator Report, Jeff Hanna- Leaf cleanup and catch basin cleanout continues throughout the Village. One catch basin grate on the corner of Diagonal and W. Clay is difficult to remove and may need replaced. Melway Paving completed all the contracted work for this year. One additional hole near the Village limits on W. Clay Street may need some attention.

South Central Fire District Representative Report: For the month of September there were 13 fire and 25 EMS calls for service. Fire Prevention was also completed at 13 Amish Schools and assisted at Waynedale Local Schools. Current call totals are 30 more than 2024.

Mayors Report: Joe Chupp: None

Fiscal Officer Reports: Shawn McKelvey

1. Approve Meeting Minutes dated October 13, 2025

Motion Martin

Second Reed

Vote

Yutzy- Yes

Spencer-Abstain

Martin-Yes

Sidle-Yes

Reed-Yes

Shirk-Yes

2. Approve Current Financial Reports from October 2025

Motion Sidle

Second Shirk

Vote

Yutzy- Yes

Spencer-Abstain

Martin-Yes

Sidle-Yes

Reed-Yes

Shirk-Yes

Legislature:

1. Ordinance # 2025-6 Salary Increase For Certain Village Employees Effective 1/1/2026-

Motion Spencer

Second Yutzy

Vote All Yes

2. Ordinance # 2025-7 Salary Increase For The Village Solicitor Effective 1/1/2026-

Motion Yutzy

Second Martin

Vote All Yes

3. Ordinance # 2025-8 Salary Increase For The Village Fiscal Officer Effective 1/1/2026-

Motion Spencer

Second Sidle

Vote All Yes

4. Ordinance # 2025-9 Increasing Compensation For Village Council & Board of Public Affairs Members Effective 1/1/2026-

Motion Sidle

Second Shirk

Vote All Yes

5. Ordinance #2025-12 Temporary Appropriations for 2026

Suspend the Rules:

Motion Yutzy

Second Reed

Vote All Yes

Pass Legislation:

Motion Martin

Second Spencer

Vote All Yes

Business:

1. Manganese & Water Well update:

Ohio EPA is finalizing the paperwork with hopes of going out to bid towards the end of November or early December.

2. N. Mill Street Dairy (Water & Sewer Issues) Keep on Agenda

Not official but Walnut Creek Foods may have purchased the building for use. Mayor Chupp will confirm by next meeting.

3. Welcome to Fredericksburg Signs

Sign Design originally made the signs and will reach out to them for one additional sign and cost.

4. Dave Gintz Water Issues

Work has not been performed as of yet due to weather.

5. Park Committee & Website Addons

The Park Committee recommends to Council to adopt rules that were developed by the committee. Council will need to pass an Ordinance. Ms. Reed explained the process of reserving the park and the signage that will be placed when someone does rent the facility. Further discussions on adding a page to the website with these new rules and how someone can reserve the park. The committee is also working on adding concrete to the hitching rail as well as the possibility of extending the rail.

6. Sewer Plant Scrap Items

Rick Jackson will be contacted to get this completed.

7. Water/Sewer Billing Clerk Responsibilities and Resident Refund

Joe Arthur, Village BPA- Gary Sands has been charging a resident a double water rate for the past 10 months. Village BPA recommends reimbursing \$846.10 to the resident. Mr. Sands has no authority to increase water bills without proper approval from the Village BPA or Council. Questions were also raised about how Mr. Sands was charging a resident when a water meter wasn't working. Personnel Committee will look into this. Procedures and policies need to be discussed by the BPA.

To reimburse Randy Besancon in the amount of \$846.10 for water rate over charges.

Motion Martin

Second Yutzy

Vote All Yes

8. Village Manhole Covers

Melway Paving completed the necessary repairs.

9. Other

Congratulations to those who were re-elected to serve another term. Village Council had 3 out of the 4 seats filled. (1) Council and (1) BPA member seats will need to filled in January. Council discussed that these available seats should be posted on the Village's website and Facebook page.

Citizen's comments: (limited to (3) three minutes per person per subject) NONE

Motion to pay bills:

Motion Yutzy

Second Spencer

Vote All Yes

Motion to adjourn:

Motion Yutzy

Second Sidle

Vote All Yes

Next regular meeting will be December 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church.

I certify that the above is a reasonable accounting of the action and business of the Fredericksburg Council on November 10, 2025.

Shawn McKelvey, Fredericksburg Fiscal Officer