

**Fredericksburg Village Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

Convene / Establish Quorum:

Roll call: Barb Yutzy, Missy Sidle, Jenny Reed, Jean Spencer, Lucas Martin, Robert Collins

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

Library Minute: Charlotte Cutting- History book is complete and will debut on history night. Goals for the 2026 year have been set with various programs.

Visitors: Ron Maxwell, Whitaker Myers Insurance discussed the upcoming renewal plan for the Village. Policy increased by \$92.00, however a building was recently demolished last week and will need to be taken off the policy. To accept the policy and approve the premium with the changes as discussed.

Motion Martin Second Sidle Vote All Yes

Lori Beckler- Parking on the east side of North Mill Street continues to be difficult for drivers pulling out of the drive thru at the Café. Ideas on adding a mirror to the opposite side of the street, removing a few parking spots or having a compact car parking only section to help those who are pulling out of the Café drive thru were suggested. Mayor Chupp will contact the Wayne County Engineer and meet with the Street Committee for possible options. A current mirror that helps vehicles navigate traffic off of Jackson Street needs adjusted. Ivan Weaver Construction will be contacted for the necessary adjustments.

Sheriff's Office Report: Monthly report was received with no attachment. Mayor Chupp is waiting a reply on questions that were asked by Council at last month's meeting.

Approximately 50 people from Salt Creek and Franklin Township as well as the Village of Fredericksburg attended the Community Safety meeting that was held on January 28th. Wayne County Sheriff and Ohio State Patrol were also in attendance to answer concerns from the public, the Law Enforcement Committee will meet to continue discussions on this issue.

Street Administrator Report Jeff Hanna- Council expressed appreciation for the work performed by Jeff during the last snow storm. Snow continues to be removed from parking areas around the Village.

The Personnel Committee recommended increasing Jeff Hanna's pay rate from \$19.10/hr to \$23.00/hr.

To accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to increase Mr. Hanna's pay rate as of Feb. 1

Motion Yutzy Second Spencer Vote All Yes

South Central Fire District Representative Report: For the month of December, there were 6 fire and 22 EMS calls for service with a total of 410 calls for 2025 which was another yearly high. Fire District had their re-organizational meeting establishing the 2026 officers.

Mayors Report: Joe Chupp: Storage garage on Water Street has been demolished.

Fiscal Officer Reports: Shawn McKelvey

1. Approve Meeting Minutes dated January 12, 2026

Motion Martin Second Spencer Vote All Yes

2. Approve Special Meeting Minutes dated January 15, 2026

Motion Spencer	Second Yutzy	Vote	Barb Yutzy-Yes Missy Sidle-Yes Jean Spencer-Yes Jenny Reed- Abstain Luke Martin-Yes Robert Collins-Yes
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3. Approve Current Financial Reports from January 2026

Motion Yutzy	Second Sidle	Vote	All Yes
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Legislature:

1. Resolution # 2025-13 Establishing Rules and Regulations for Use of Pickleball & Basketball Courts

Pass Legislation:	Motion Yutzy	Second Reed	Vote All Yes
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2. Ordinance # 2026-4 Permanent Appropriations for 2026

Suspend the Rules:	Motion Yutzy	Second Sidle	Vote All Yes
Pass Legislation:	Motion Spencer	Second Yutzy	Vote All Yes

3. Resolution # 2026-5 Awarding Flinner Drilling and to Enter into a Contract for the Water Improvements Project

Pass On Emergency:	Motion Martin	Second Reed	Vote All Yes
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4. Resolution # 2026-6 Authorizing the Mayor to Amend the Agreement with Engineering Associates

Pass On Emergency:	Motion Yutzy	Second Reed	Vote All Yes
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Business:

1. Water Improvements Project
 Flinner Drilling, Inc. has been awarded the project with a projected start late March 2026. Project completion expected around the end of 2026.

2. N. Mill Street Dairy (Water & Sewer Issues) Keep on Agenda
 No further information

3. Dave Gintz Water Issues
 Work has not been performed as of yet due to weather.

4. Sewer Plant Scrap Items
 Some unused recyclable items remain at the sewer plant and will be revisited by the Village BPA once the weather warms up.

5. Water/Sewer Billing Clerk Responsibilities
 Personnel Committee met with Gary Sands, who submitted a list of responsibilities. The Village has a current Ordinance, adopted in 1996, which explains how a resident, and/or business, is charged for water usage. Mr. Sands was correct on billing procedures per the Ordinance. Village BPA and Council will look into the existing Ordinance and make amendments if necessary. Additional trips to deposit funds will continue to be discussed.

6. Water Street 'One Way' Signage
 Signs may need to be moved so that they are more visible to motorists prior to entering the Street. Jeff will continue to check on signage and new placement of the signs if needed.

7. Park Porta-Jon

Mayor Chupp is still waiting on a call back.

8. MCA Church- Water/Sewer

MCA will need to get approval from Salt Creek Township before additional steps can be made. Discussions on whether MCA Church needs to be annexed into the Village and what the Village is obligated to maintain needs further discussion.

9. 450 N. Mill Street Water Runoff

Currently waiting for the snow to melt off to take a closer look.

10. Emergency Snow Removal Services

Jeff was getting overwhelmed during the last snow storm and Mayor Chupp hired Pebble Valley Farms to help remove piles of snow at \$65/hr. A vehicle may or may not have been hit in the process as information is not clear. McKelvey Farms offered to move snow at \$150/hr. per tractor used. Regardless, Council discussed approving a local farmer with the capability of moving large amounts of snow if needed.

To hire a local contractor as needed for snow removal services at a limit of \$2,000 per occurrence.

Motion Yutzy	Second Sidle	Vote All Yes
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Fiscal Officer will check if the Village has a current Ordinance for parking bans during snow events.

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

Motion to pay bills:	Motion Yutzy	Second Sidle	Vote All Yes
Motion to adjourn:	Motion Yutzy	Second Reed	Vote All Yes

Next regular meeting will be March 9, 2026 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 February 9, 2026.

Shawn McKelvey, Fredericksburg Fiscal Officer