

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Convene / Establish Quorum:**

**Roll call:** Barb Yutzy, Jenny Reed, Lucas Martin, Robert Collins

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

**Library Minute:** Charlotte Cutting- History book is complete and copies are available for \$25.00 at the library, Weaver's True Value Hardware, and the Lighted Lantern. A Wonder Bus trip is planned for May 23<sup>rd</sup> to Kingwood Gardens and Ohio bird sanctuary. For reservations, call Jane at 330-695-2693. Some are asking about when the recycling bins will be back in the Village. Council explained that once they move into the old fire station, they will look at the options of returning the bins.

**Visitors:** Gary Sands, Water/Sewer Billing Clerk; Lori Beckler, BPA President

Lori Beckler- A fire hydrant near 198 Crawford Street was recently damaged by a property owner snowplowing a residential driveway. The estimated cost for repairs is approximately \$20,000. Mayor Chupp intends to speak with the property owner to confirm responsibility and determine liability for the damages.

A lift station failure recently caused a sewer backup in Sharon Weygandt's basement on 124 Water Street, resulting in \$934.00 in damages. The lift station has since been repaired. Additionally, Rick Jackson is currently obtaining a quote for the installation of a dialer system. This will ensure that if the lift station fails in the future, it will automatically notify the appropriate personnel.

To approve the reimbursement for damages in the amount of \$934.00

Motion Yutzy

Second Reed

Vote All Yes

The Village BPA is currently exploring grant opportunities; however, we have found that the median household income in the Village exceeds the threshold for most programs, resulting in disqualification. Ms. Beckler is seeking alternative options that requires the current infrastructure asset management plan and a sanitation survey.

**Sheriff's Office Report:** Monthly report was received with no attachment.

**Street Administrator Report Jeff Hanna-** The "Welcome to Fredericksburg" sign is now ready for pickup at Sign Design in Wooster. Since the dump truck is currently being used for salt, Jeff is looking into alternative options to transport the sign using another truck and trailer. In other updates, street crew is taking advantage of the favorable weather to continue cleaning the streets and catch basins.

**South Central Fire District Representative Report:** Fire Association had their annual banquet at the Lighted Lantern. For the month of January, there were 12 fire and 23 EMS calls for service.

**Mayors Report: Joe Chupp:** During the last snow storm, a railing was hit by Jeff while cleaning up snow causing \$717.25 in damages to a fence railing in front of 103 S. Mill Street.

To approve the reimbursement for damages in the amount of \$717.25

Motion Yutzy

Second Reed

Vote All Yes

**Fiscal Officer Reports: Shawn McKelvey**

1. Approve Meeting Minutes dated February 9, 2026

Motion Yutzy

Second Martin

Vote All Yes

2. Approve Current Financial Reports from February 2026

Motion Martin

Second Collins

Vote All Yes

**Legislature: NONE**

**Business:**

1. Water Improvements Project

We are currently in the post-bid approval phase and are working toward securing final approval this month. Please be aware that if approval is not granted within this timeframe, there is a high probability that we will lose the grant funding for this project.

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

Walnut Creek Foods has purchased the facility and contact will be made with them on how they plan to use the building.

3. Dave Gintz Water Issues

No Report

4. Water/Sewer Billing Clerk Responsibilities

Council discussed amending the current Ordinance regarding double billing metered residential properties. This review includes various scenarios, such as residential duplexes, rental properties, and commercial properties with residential apartments. Council members are currently evaluating several billing options and will review the Ordinance prior to next month's meeting to make a final determination.

5. Water Street 'One Way' Signage

Signs have been moved so they are more visible to motorists.

6. Park Porta-Jon

Mayor Chupp spoke with Miller Portables, and they have offered us the option to remove the porta jon during the winter months. This would help reduce the overall cost to the Village.

7. MCA Church- Water/Sewer

MCA is contacting Salt Creek Township and their engineer on potential costs.

8. 450 N. Mill Street Water Runoff

Mayor Chupp will be meeting with the Wayne County Engineer on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

9. Law Enforcement Committee

Mayor Chupp has been in contact with Rodney Mackey, the Mayor of Apple Creek, regarding police coverage. Currently, Apple Creek utilizes two full-time employees from Monday through Friday, with three part-time employees covering the weekends. Mayor Mackey has expressed a willingness to discuss shared police coverage between the Villages of Apple Creek, Mt. Eaton, and Fredericksburg. Mayor Chupp will be scheduling a meeting between the Villages and will also invite representatives from Salt Creek Township and Wayne County Sheriff Ballinger.

10. Parking Issues

Mayor Chupp will be meeting with the Wayne County Engineer on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

11. Village Parking Snow Ban

The Village currently does not have an ordinance addressing a snow parking ban. Because the Sheriff’s Department only enforces the revised code, any snow parking ban would fall under municipal code. Consequently, the Wayne County Sheriff would not issue citations for these violations.

12. 2026 Mowing Services

Summer Breeze Lawn Care submitted quotes for mowing services for the water tank, sewer plant, park, trail, the new town hall location.

To accept the 2026 mowing quotes from Summer Breeze Lawn Care as quoted.

Motion Yutzy                      Second Collins                      Vote All Yes

13. Community Center (new town hall)

Ms. Sidle sent an email outlining a possible \$1,000 grant that is available to small communities looking to establish a community gathering space. After Council discussed this opportunity, Council has decided that they would like to occupy the building first before moving forward with any new projects. As the grant deadline is in the next few days, we will not be pursuing this application at this time.

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

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

Next regular meeting will be April 13, 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 March 9, 2026.

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Shawn McKelvey, Fredericksburg Fiscal Officer