

Fredericksburg Village Council Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Convene / Establish Quorum:

Roll call: Barb Yutzy, Jean Spencer, Missy Sidle, Jenny Reed, Logan Shirk, Luke Martin (7:25pm)

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

Library Minute: Jane Braddock- Story walk in the park is still in progress and are hoping to have the walk completed by the end of June. There are plans to have the arch from the existing elementary school as an entry point into the walkway. A sold-out Wonder bus trip is planned for May 17th to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park Canal Museum with a train ride to the Akron Zoo. Art in the park is scheduled for June 14th from 10am-noon and kicks off the summer reading program with a medieval theme. June 18th starts activity days at the park from 10-11am with chess club following from 11am-noon. Activity days at the park will be every Wednesday for six weeks. Jenna Rice will be hosting a young writers club on Fridays from 2-4pm beginning on June 13th. People stopping in the library had questions on the recycling bins that were moved from the ballfield. Mayor Chupp explained that the bins may be moved to new town hall after the new fire station has been completed.

Visitors:

Beth Reed-Work continues on the 3rd edition of the History of Fredericksburg book with a completion date of February 2026. Ms. Reed is gathering information on the government side of the Village and has asked Council for assistance.

Joe Arthur Village BPA- 5 Year plan has been established for water and sewer projects in the Village. Water lines are at the top of the list and are looking into grants. We have scrap steel items at the sewer plant needing to be removed. All items will need to be listed and a value will need to be determined. Mr. Arthur will contact someone and get a list put together.

Sheriff's Office Report: No Contract has been received as of yet. Sheriff's presence has been limited over the past few weeks and Mayor Chupp will contact Wayne County for any updates.

Street Administrator Report- Leaf box remains in the Village owned side of the parking lot adjacent to the Presbyterian Church lot. Henry states there is no room at the sewer plant and can be difficult to move.

South Central Fire District Representative Report: For the month of April, there were 10 fire and 22 EMS call for service.

Mayors Report: Joe Chupp: Street and Personnel Committees need to meet. A tree branch that fell across N. Mill St has been cleaned up. Owner is looking into removing the tree completely.

Fiscal Officer Reports: Shawn McKelvey

1. Approve Meeting Minutes dated April 14, 2025:
Motion Spencer Second Yutzy Vote All Yes
2. Approve Special Meeting Minutes dated April 24, 2025:
Motion Spencer Second Sidle Vote All Yes
3. Approve Current Financial Reports from April 2025:
Motion Spencer Second Reed Vote All Yes

Legislature: NONE

Business:

1. Manganese & Water Well update:
Engineering Associates continues to work with the Ohio EPA on finalizing the design. Grant funds have been extended.
2. N. Mill Street Dairy (Water & Sewer Issues) Keep on Agenda
3. Welcome to Fredericksburg Signs
Installation began but equipment breakdowns delayed progress.
4. Tax Levy for Full-time Employment
Surveys that Council received had positive and negative feedback. Part-time employees are currently difficult to find. Discussions on whether we pay a higher part time wage or work with a nearby Village for a shared services contract.
5. Mirror (Mill Street & Jackson Street)
A quote from IWC for (2) 24" mirrors with installation needs clarification on whether the price is for each mirror or both. Ms. Yutzy will contact Seton at IWC.
6. Topsoil needed at Community Park
Work has been completed. Pickleball court installation to begin the last week of May.
7. Veterans Banners
Banner information is out and we need 10 to fulfill an order. Anyone interested will need to fill out a form and have it turned in by June 1st.
8. Dave Gintz- Apple Street water issues
Ongoing water issues along Apple Street behind the Gintz property. Water continues to pond after recent storms and doesn't drain properly causing some minor erosion issues. It's possible that the drainage tile needs cleaned out or the possibility that the tile sits lower than the high-water mark of the creek.
9. Becky Ginther- Rose Street
Rose Street alley is narrow and snow removal that was performed last winter has caused some scalping on the bank of her property and a rough area to her driveway. Ms. Ginther had suggested a possible retaining wall she may have installed; however, the new wall would be in the street right of way. Pictures were sent to Council and the Mayor. Council and the Mayor will visit the area informing the owners with options. Some discrepancies on how Rose Street flows will also be looked into by Council.
10. Property Purchase
Village Council will be notified sometime this week on the existing fire association properties that are for sale.

11. Wastewater Operator Services rate increase
 Due to rising costs, rates for water & sewer services will increase from \$3,000 per month to \$3,200 per month effective on June 1st.
 To approve the increase from Wastewater Operator Services
 Motion Spencer Second Yutzy Vote All Yes
12. Monroe Street Catch Basin
 Erosion is occurring around the catch basin on Monroe Street and needs repaired. Contact will be made with MAK Renovations.
13. Ms. Sidle mentioned safety yellow paint is on sale at ACE Hardware for 50% off. Mayor Chupp will contact the company who previously painted the parking lines for a quote.
14. Town Activity Coordinator- Discussions on if events will continue in the Village such as the July 4th parade, town garage sales, etc. Village can establish another committee or seek someone who is willing to continue heading up these events.
15. Website Update- Approved minutes are posted to the website now. Any major page changes or additions will still need to go through the website administrator.
16. Water Tank Cleaning- Discussions on when the last time the tank was cleaned. Mayor Chupp will contact Rick Jackson as this may have been cleaned last year.

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

Executive Session

At 8:06pm, Ms. Spencer motioned and Ms. Sidle seconded to proceed into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(2) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes. Roll Call Vote: Yutzy-Yes, Reed-Yes, Sidle-Yes, Spencer-Yes, Shirk-Yes, Martin-Yes

Due to conflict of interest, Luke Martin, Logan Shirk, and Shawn McKelvey were excused from Executive Session Discussion.

At 8:29pm, Ms. Yutzy moves, and Ms. Spencer seconds to exit out of executive session. Roll Call Vote: Yutzy-Yes, Reed-Yes, Sidle-Yes, Spencer-Yes

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

Next regular meeting will be June 9, 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 May 12, 2025.

Shawn McKelvey, Fredericksburg Fiscal Officer