

Fredericksburg Village Council Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Convene / Establish Quorum:

Roll call: Barb Yutzy, Jenny Reed, Jean Spencer, Luke Martin, Vacant seat

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

Missy Sidle has sent a resignation letter to Council effective immediately prior to the Council meeting. Council was encouraged to find a replacement for the open Council seat.

Library Minute: Charlotte Cutting- Summer Reading program has 50-60 kids signed up with activity days at the park. Looking ahead to August, we are excited to announce "The Amazing Race: Historical Fredericksburg Family Letterboxing Adventure." Instructions and clues to begin your journey will be available at the Library and on the Library's Facebook page.

Visitors: Lori Beckler, BPA President- We continue to experience lift station pump issues due to wipes being flushed into the sewer system, which has caused over \$20,000 in repairs over the past year. Despite letters and several social media postings directed to Village residents, the problem persists. If this continues, utility rates will need to be increased.

Ms. Beckler suggested that we could install different pumps designed to handle these wipes, at an estimated cost of \$15,000 to \$16,000. In the meantime, Ms. Beckler will obtain a firmer quote for this equipment.

Additionally, we will contact Rick Jackson to request his attendance at the next Council meeting to discuss this matter further.

With new residents that have moved in, Council will send another letter to Village residents as well as adding additional posts to our social media and website pages reminding residents not to flush wipes.

Sheriff's Office Report: Helpful during the 4th of July Parade.

Street Administrator Report- Jeff Hanna; Melway is scheduled to perform miscellaneous paving projects soon. They are aware that the cold patch and rocks placed around the manhole covers on Crawford Street and by Murray's Funeral Home continue to disappear. They will investigate this issue once the Village paving begins.

Rain water continues to wash out gravel in the driveway at the park, causing large ruts to form. Council discussed either replacing the gravel or having Melway install a 10'–15' asphalt apron. Contact will be made with Melway to add it to the list when they are in the Village.

Dale James Ford requires the Village truck with the snow plow to continue investigating its current issue. This will be addressed within the next few weeks.

Council would like Jeff to shadow Gary Sands as a backup water/sewer meter reader. Jeff will make contact with Gary.

South Central Fire District Representative Report: In May, there were 8 fire and 19 EMS calls for service. Total calls to date for 2026 are about the same as in 2025.

Mayors Report: Joe Chupp: Ivan Weaver repaired the trail bollards. Levco Striping and Melway Paving are scheduled to perform work in the Village.

Fiscal Officer Reports: Shawn McKelvey

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| 1. | Approve Meeting Minutes dated June 8, 2026 | | | |
| | Motion Spencer | Second Yutzy | Vote | Barb Yutzy- Yes
Jenny Reed- Yes
Jean Spencer- Yes
Luke Martin- Abstain |
| 2. | Approve Current Financial Reports from June 2026 | | | |
| | Motion Yutzy | Second Martin | Vote | All Yes |
| 3. | 2027 Proposed Budget | | | |
| | Motion Martin | Second Spencer | Vote | All Yes |

Legislature: NONE

Business:

1. **Water Improvements Project**

The project has begun with the new waterline installed from well #1 and well #2. During excavation, a line was discovered that the engineer was unaware of, causing the new line to be shifted toward the outer edge of our easement behind Weaver’s True Value. As a result, additional concrete will need to be poured.

The Mayor and BPA President will be meeting with Flinner Drilling to determine who is responsible for the cost of the additional concrete.
2. **Apple Street Drainage Project**

MAK Renovations has completed work along Apple Street and on E. Clay Street.
3. **MCA Church- Water/Sewer**

No further movement
4. **450 N. Mill Street Water Runoff**

Mr. Martin recently met with Ivan Weaver Construction (IWC) to discuss the ongoing water issue.

IWC suggested installing a temporary test board to redirect the water and moving the mailbox closer to the road to prevent driving in the affected area. If this temporary solution is successful, a permanent curb could be installed at an estimated cost of \$300-\$500.
5. **Law Enforcement Committee**

Discussions with the Wayne County Sheriff will resume with other entities on a more coverage around the area.
6. **New Town Hall Signage**

Heritage Signs provided a preliminary quote of \$992.43 for the raised lettering at the new town hall. Since “Fredericksburg” is already on the building, it was suggested to add “Town Hall” and leave the existing lettering in place. Contact will be made with Heritage Signs to obtain a firm quote.

7. Appointment of Council members to Committees and Boards:
 - a. Subdivision Regulations Committee: Mr. Martin, Ms. Reed, Joe Arthur, Vacant
Lori Beckler will fill the vacant spot.
8. Hometown Hero Banners
No movement
9. Leaf Box
Ivan Weaver Construction will be able to construct a new leaf box for the Village at the cost of \$2,995.00. To approve the construction of a new leaf box from Ivan Weaver Construction up to \$3,000.00.

Motion Martin
Second Spencer
Vote All Yes
10. Sheriff contract expires at the end of July and will auto renew for an additional year.
11. Council will post the vacancy seat on the Village website and social media pages. Interested persons are requested to come to the next Council meeting in August.
12. Residents continue to request the status of the recycling dumpsters. Council is hesitant on bringing them back due to the unwanted trash that is sometimes left behind. Council will continue to discuss further options.
13. Guardrail Replacement on E. Clay Street: The guardrail has been replaced. Moving forward, the Wayne County Engineer requires all future guardrail replacements in the Village to be coordinated directly through the Village office rather than the Engineer's office.

Removal of Old Guardrail on W. Clay Street: Mayor Chupp spoke with the Wayne County Engineer regarding the removal of the old guardrail along W. Clay Street. Since the Village funded this section, the Engineer's Office has requested that we determine which materials need to be returned to the Village for storage. Mayor Chupp is currently calculating the total length.

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

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

Next regular meeting will be August 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

I certify that the above is a reasonable accounting of the action and business of the Fredericksburg Council on July 13, 2026.

Shawn McKelvey, Fredericksburg Fiscal Officer