

Fredericksburg Village Council Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Convene / Establish Quorum:

Roll call: Barb Yutzy, Missy Sidle, Jenny Reed, Jean Spencer

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

Library Minute: Charlotte Cutting- Story walk in the park is still progressing with a celebration opening in August. Summer reading program continues to go well.

Visitors: Sheriff Tom Ballinger, Wayne County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff's Office Report: Sheriff Ballinger stated miscommunication within the Sheriff's Department occurred resulting in no traffic control during the 4th of July parade and has apologized for the issue.

Sheriff Ballinger explained the increase in the contract cost was due to salaries, vehicles and overall operational costs. He continued to explain that the Sheriff's Department does not make anything from the \$78,708.00 contract and this is the actual cost to provide 24 hours/week for service.

Ms. Spencer was concerned that if the Village does not sign a contract with the Sheriff's Department, no coverage will be provided. Sheriff Ballinger explained that the Village is still in Wayne County and some coverage will be available from time to time.

Sheriff Ballinger explained that he is beginning to have conversations with other Townships to have a shared services contract. This would allow multiple entities to split the cost of a deputy only patrolling those areas involved in the contract. Rough startup costs may be around \$250,000 with an annual cost of \$150,000-\$160,000.

Coverage in the Village still exists with deputies patrolling more in the evenings and not during the daytime hours.

Street Administrator Report- Street repairs were discussed by Council with Melway providing the following:

Project #1- Henry Street and Jackson Street 1.5" mill and paving \$61,500.00

Project #2- Karch Street approach \$4,500.00

Project #3- Clay Street patch patching \$4,000.00

Project #4- Rocky Drive resurfacing \$17,500.00

To approve all projects #1, #2, #3, #4 above as quoted by Melway Paving Company, Inc.

Motion Yutzy

Second Sidle

Vote All Yes

Jackson Street between Henry St. and E. Clay St. was discussed. Melway provided a quote of \$112,000 to resurface this street, however questions were raised that since there were no current homes on this section of the street, does it make sense to spend this much. Council discussed the possibility of chip and seal or some other options. Mayor Chupp will reach out to Melway and bring options to the next Council meeting in August.

South Central Fire District Representative Report: For the month of May there were 8 fire and 23 EMS call for service.

Mayors Report: Joe Chupp:

Frank Kruda is interested in working for the Village part time. This information will be provided to the Personnel Committee.

A few catch basin issues in the Village need attention whether repaired or replaced.

Project #1 E. Clay Street near Simplifying IT- Water is tunneling under the roadway. Placing rock up stream to slow the water down may fix the problem. Total cost \$6,000.00

Project #2 Monroe St. & Hill St.- Water is tunneling under the roadway causing some issues. Total cost \$1,000.00

Project #3 Cracked catch basin on an unnamed alley also needs replaced at the cost of \$250.00

To approve all projects #1, #2, #3 above as quoted by MAK Renovations

Motion Spencer

Second Yutzy

Vote All Yes

Simplematic, LLC would build a section on the website so that the park could be rented and paid for through a 3rd party vendor. Total cost would be \$500-\$600. Questions on if there were any fees tied with this service. Mayor Chupp will get this information and have it at the next meeting.

Town events coordinator is not a position underneath the Village of Fredericksburg.

Fiscal Officer Reports: Shawn McKelvey

1. Approve Meeting Minutes dated June 9, 2025: **(TABLED UNTIL THE AUGUST MEETING)**

2. Approve Current Financial Reports from June 2025

Motion Sidle

Second Yutzy

Vote All Yes

Legislature:

1. Resolution # 2025-3 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement For Law Enforcement Services

Suspend the Rules:

Motion

Second

Vote

Pass Legislation:

Motion

Second

Vote

(TABLED UNTIL THE AUGUST MEETING)

Business:

1. Manganese & Water Well update:

Ohio EPA had verbally approved the design. We are still waiting on written approval to proceed.

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

Local company interested in purchasing the building.

3. Welcome to Fredericksburg Signs

To be installed this Wednesday

4. Tax Levy for Full-time Employment

Council would rather offer a higher per hour wage for part-time help instead of a hiring a full-time position.

5. Mirror (Mill Street & Jackson Street)

Mirrors have been installed

6. Veterans Banners
16 banners have been installed and look great. Thanks to Barb Yutzy for heading this up.
7. Dave Gintz- Apple Street water issues
Mak Renovations is still investigating this issue.
8. Becky Ginther- Rose Street
As of last meeting, Mr. Martin suggested smoothing the current soil out and planting grass seed. It is not possible to place a retaining wall in that area due to the street being narrow. Mayor Chupp will get a quote for this work.
9. Monroe Street Catch Basin
See Mayor's Report for approval
10. Water Tank Cleaning-
This is completed every 5 years per the Ohio EPA and is currently not due for cleaning or painting.
11. Painting Street Parking Lines
Levco Striping provided a quote for Mill Street and Clay Street. No Parking areas in Pilgrims Trace also need to be painted and needs to be added to the quote. Mayor Chupp will reach out to Levco for an updated quote.
12. Village Social Media
Ms. Reed continues to work on this.
13. Discussion on an Ordinance establishing rules for use of the basketball and pickleball courts at the park. Once the rules are set by the Park Committee, a recommendation will be made to Council on establishing such rules, requiring Council to pass legislation for enforcement.
14. Overgrown vegetation at 351 Apple Street needs to be addressed per our existing Ordinance.
To send a certified letter to the owner of 351 Apple Street.
Motion Spencer Second Yutzy Vote All Yes
15. Some issues with parade participants being reckless during the parade. This will be addresses next year.
16. Wipes being flushed into the sewer system is creating issues at the lift station causing expensive repairs. Residents have been informed multiple times over the past several months. Flyers, Facebook messaging, etc. needs to heavily promoted to eliminate the issue. Fiscal Officer will email the current repair costs to Council.
17. Scrap metal & items at the sewer plant needs removed. A list of items and values will need to be approved by Council before disposing.

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 Spencer	Second Yutzy	Vote All Yes

Next regular meeting will be August 11, 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 July 14, 2025.

Shawn McKelvey, Fredericksburg Fiscal Officer