

Fredericksburg Village Council Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Convene / Establish Quorum:

Roll call: Barb Yutzy, Jenny Reed, Jean Spencer, Luke Martin, Robert Collins,

Others: Joe Chupp, Mayor; Shawn McKelvey, Fiscal Officer

Library Minute: No Report

Visitors: Jacob Bricker, Kacen Parrot, Austin Myers, and Cody Daugherty from Boy Scouts Troop 66; Lori Beckler, BPA President, Gary Sands

Logan Shirk, Jarrett Kelly, and Adam Amstutz introduced themselves and were interested in the vacant Council seat.

Rick Jackson; Wastewater Operators Services- We are currently experiencing an issue at the lift station behind Robin Industries due to wipes being flushed into the system.

We consulted Hackworth Electric regarding similar challenges. They attempted using bar screens, but this did not resolve the problem. Additionally, the 35-foot depth and the pressure line we pump into severely limits our options for compatible pumps. Replacing the system with new 2-inch pumps and a control panel is estimated to cost \$35,000, and we will receive a firmer quote once an engineer evaluates the site.

In the interim, our current options are to continue replacing the existing knives more frequently, send out additional notices prohibiting residents from flushing wipes, or establish a contract with Norwalk Concrete for quarterly pump inspections which could cost up to \$2,700 per year and \$95.00 per hour would be charged if repairs need to be made.

Presently, one of the pumps is locked up and requires replacement. However, Norwalk Concrete will not be able to complete these repairs for another two weeks.

Lindsey Chupp, Fierce Creative Solutions discussed the elimination of the hitching rail that is currently in her parking lot. Ms. Chupp needs the additional parking for her current 24 employees with the potential of adding another 20 employees in the next few years. Discussions also included vacating the existing alley, adding spots at Mitchell Park and at a Village owned lot by the Presbyterian Church, and the potential of relocating the hitching rail beside an existing one at the post office or at the new town hall.

Sheriff's Office Report: Report has been sent out to Council.

Street Administrator Report- Jeff Hanna;

Roads and Infrastructure: Melway Paving completed repairs on a catch basin on Crawford Street and a manhole cover on S. Mill Street. Additionally, Mayor Chupp noted that the ditch on the north side of W. Clay Street may need to be dug out and reseeded with grass to help prevent gravel from plugging the catch basins. We are currently waiting on an update regarding when Melway Paving will finish the additional road work.

Vehicles and Equipment: The Dale James Ford dump truck is addressing the snow plow issue. The leaf box is completed, but the suction hose needs to be replaced. Jeff will check with Schlabach Engine for a replacement hose.

Water Department: Jeff assisted Gary Sands with the water meter readings at Pilgrims Trace.

3. 450 N. Mill Street Water Runoff

Temporary curbing seems to be working well and a permanent concrete curb can be installed at the cost of \$685.00 by Ivan Weaver Construction. To approve the cost as quoted.

Motion Collins

Second Yutzy

Vote Barb Yutzy- Yes

Jenny Reed- Abstain

Jean Spencer- Yes

Luke Martin- Yes

Robert Collins- Yes

4. Law Enforcement Committee

Discussions with the Wayne County Sheriff will continue.

5. New Town Hall Signage

Heritage Signs provided a 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. Work can be completed in 4-6 weeks. To approve the quote as presented.

Motion Reed

Second Spencer

Vote All Yes

6. Hometown Hero Banners

Discussions on the Village paying \$50/banner up to 10 banners.

Motion Martin

Second Collins

Vote Barb Yutzy- Abstain

Jenny Reed- Abstain

Jean Spencer- Yes

Luke Martin- Yes

Robert Collins- Yes

7. Park Porta Jon will remain at the park during the winter months.

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 Collins

Second Reed

Vote All Yes

Next regular meeting will be September 14, 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 August 10, 2026.

Shawn McKelvey, Fredericksburg Fiscal Officer