

VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2026

A regular meeting of the Village of Freeville Board of Trustees was held on April 7, 2026, at the Village Hall.

Call to Order: Mayor McCarty called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Miles McCarty; Trustees: David Fogel, William Olson, Stephanie Ortolano, Diana Radford; Clerk-Treasurer Julia Wallace

Privilege of the Floor: No public commentary was heard at this time.

Minutes: Trustee Ortolano motioned to approve the March 3, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes and the March 28, 2026 Budget Work Session Minutes. Trustee Olson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Planning Board: Trustee Ortolano made a motion to accept the Planning Board Minutes from their March 24th meeting. Trustee Radford seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Public Works: Trustee Fogel motioned to approve the Public Works Report. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Trustee Ortolano motioned to approve the Treasurer Report. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Code Enforcement: Trustee Ortolano motioned to approve the Code Enforcement Report. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

ZBA Minutes: Trustee Fogel made a motion to approve the ZBA minutes from their March 2nd meeting. Trustee Ortolano seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk: Trustee Ortolano motioned to approve the Clerk Report. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Vouchers: Trustee Fogel motioned to approve abstract #0426. Trustee Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Old Business:

DEC / WWTP: Mayor McCarthy confirmed that everything is hooked up and ready to go with the generators. We also have purchased a portable generator to bring to each of the pump stations. DPW employee Dylan Schlee is commissioning a platform to be installed on the back of his mower to take it from place to place. This will remove our need to budget for a trailer. The platform installation should cost around \$500.

Review of Tentative Budget: The Board discussed their options regarding the potential raising of the Tax Cap. Trustee Olson pointed out that other municipalities have increased steadily over the years while Freeville has not. Trustee Radford explained that the only reason that these increases appear so much bigger than ours is due to the fact that these municipalities are also including their fire and police departments directly within their

budget. Because the Village is not covering public safety directly in its budget, we've been able to stay beneath the tax cap while also keeping in mind the increased cost of living and increases in other tax areas. The Board agreed to do whatever they must to stay beneath the tax cap.

Draft Laws 12 and 13 of 2026: Let it be known that draft laws 11 and 12 of 2026 have been renumbered to be laws 12 and 13 of 2026. Trustee Olson made a motion to adopt the draft laws. Trustee Ortolano seconded. All members present voted aye. Laws adopted.

New Business:

Village Budget Policy: Trustee Ortolano made a motion to adopt the newly drafted budget policy. Trustee Fogel seconded. All members present voted aye. Policy adopted.

Post Office Petition: Trustee Olson made a motion to sign and send the letter of support of Thomas Martineau to the Freeville Postmaster. Trustee Ortolano seconded. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Adjournment: Trustee Fogel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Wallace
Village Clerk