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

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

Call to Order: Mayor McCarty called the meeting to order at 6:58PM

Present: Mayor Miles McCarty; Trustees: Juan Vazquez-Leddon, Anusuya Rangarajan, Will Olson; Resident Margaret Swift; Clerk-Treasurer Julia Wallace.

Privilege of the Floor: Resident Margaret Swift introduced herself to the board as a new tenant in one of the Freeville Cottages and a working ecologist with Cornell University. After reviewing previous minutes, she wanted to address the board to provide solutions and education regarding the mosquito population in Freeville and around Mill Dam Park. She discussed solutions involving native plants, dragonfly populations, and installing bat boxes. Clerk Wallace said she'd begin researching grants that could potentially help with this. Clerk Wallace will also connect Ms. Swift with Hugh McElyea, FCC President, to organize an event for residents to get further education/tips to mitigate mosquitoes around their properties.

Minutes: Trustee Vazquez-Leddon made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Rangarajan seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

ZBA minutes: Trustee Ortolano made a motion to accept the ZBA Minutes from their June 29th meeting. Trustee Rangarajan seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Public Works: Trustee Olson made a motion to approve the Public Works Report. Trustee Rangarajan seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Trustee Olson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Vazquez-Leddon seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Code Enforcement: After reviewing previous invoices for intermittent code enforcement support, the board requested that Clerk Wallace send a listserv message to residents reminding them of code procedures. Residents should reach out to Wallace directly with code-related issues, not to the Town of Dryden or Dave Sprout. There was also some minor discussion regarding contractors who may not show up/be prepared for code inspections. Some trustees felt that a penalty should be added while others did not. This discussion will continue as the Trustees see rates of missed appointments and future invoices.

Trustee Olson made a motion to approve the code enforcement report. Trustee Rangarajan seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Clerk: Trustee Olson motioned to approve the Clerk Report. Trustee Vazquez-Leddon seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Vouchers: Trustee Olson motioned to approve abstract #0726. Trustee Rangarajan seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Old Business:
DEC / WWTP: Mayor McCarthy reported that he and Jeff Tubolino will be meeting with Fleet Pumping and W2O pumping to get competing quotes for the replacement of the village's pump stations. Tubolino is trying to move these repairs to the front of the grant-funded project to avoid having to repair/replace them again in the future. Big changes will be coming to how the plant is operated due to new nitrate regulations adopted by the NYS DEC. This is a concern to all municipalities, not just Freeville.

New Business:

New Site Plan Review Application: After working with Clerk Wallace and the Village's Planning Boards on the Sherman Farm subdivision, Mr. Dave Sprout pointed out some areas to Clerk Wallace where improvements can be made. Clerk Wallace developed a new Site Plan Review Application at the recommendation of Mr. Sprout which he then approved to present to the Board. Trustee Olson made a motion to adopt the new SPR application. Trustee Rangarajan seconded. All members voted in favor. Document adopted.

INHS Pumping Request: For years, the DPW department has monitored a pumping schedule in which Ted McBride pumping comes to pump the septic tanks in homes along Railroad Street. INHS recently built two low-income units that they'd like added to this schedule. The properties are located at 25 Cook Street and 10 Fall Creek Road. Trustees agreed that it makes sense to add these properties given their knowledge of the area's septic and wastewater treatment issues.

Worker's Comp Policy Updates: Clerk Wallace shared the details, provided by Paul Neske of Bailey Place Insurance, of their new 3-year worker's compensation policy as an FYI to board members.

Budget Mode: Trustee Rangajan made a motion to approve the following budget modification:

Village of Freeville						
Board of Trustee Meeting July 7, 2026						
FY 2026-2027 Budget Modifications						
General Fund Modifications						
Expense Accounts						
Account	**Description**	**From**	**To**	**Difference**		**Balance**
A3620.100	Inspections, Pers Serv	14,341.00	0.00	14,341.00		14,341.00
A3620.400	Inspections, Contractual	100.00	14,441.00	(14,341.00)		0.00

Trustee Vazquez-Leddon seconded. All members voted in favor. Modifications adopted.

New BOT Meeting Time: Trustee Olson made a motion to begin monthly meetings at 6PM as opposed to 7PM. Trustee Rangarajan seconded. All members voted in favor, New time adopted.

Adjournment: Trustee Ranarajan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:49PM.
Respectfully submitted,

Julia Wallace
Village Clerk