

Town of Freeman

The regular meeting of February 23, 2026 was brought to order at 7:00 by Al Thompson.

All members present: Al Thompson, John Leirmo, and David Olson.

The pledge of allegiance was led by the Chairman.

Certified the meeting was posted at River Bank, Website, P.O., and the Town Shop.

Dave made a motion to amend the agenda to include approval of the Patrolman Handbook revisions, John seconded.

Patrolmen hours were reviewed, Dave made a motion to approve, John seconded.

Peggy presented the minutes from the 1/26/2026 regular meeting. Approved as read with a noted clarification.

Sacha stated the tax season is over.

The February bills were reviewed, John made a motion to approve, Dave seconded.

Peggy gave a summary of the current account balances.

Old Business:

- Road Repair: Al stated there is a grant program – Local Small Structure Improvement Program (LSSIP) for the 6 - 20 ft culverts identified in the inspections. The deadline to apply for the grants is May 1st. Each municipality that has structures that have are classified from 1-4 are eligible to submit 2 applications.
Road bands were taken off on the 23rd.
Patrolmen have been cutting brush.
The culvert for Bishop Road is at the shop and will be installed before May 1st.
- White construction road damage: Nothing to report.
- Planning and Zoning Committee/Smart Growth Program: Paul Sampson reported the committee met on February 16, Dave Troester, Crawford County Land Conservationist was also at the meeting.
- Wisconsin Disaster Fund 2025. All documentation has been submitted and waiting for final close out documents.
- Dairyland Power transmission line. Discussion on the proposed Dairyland Power transmission line and upcoming local meetings.

New Business:

- Approve Election Worker: Dave made motion to approve Cindy Ellefson as an election poll worker, John seconded. All yes.
- Permit requests:
 - A residential non-building permit was received from Paul Kobza. Dave made a motion to approve, John seconded. All yes.
 - A residential building permit was received from Paul Bright. Dave made a motion to approve, John seconded. All yes.

- Patrolman Handbook revisions: The Overtime Hours section of the handbook was revised to state: Overtime will be paid at a rate 1 and ½ times the employee's hourly rate for Saturday and Sunday up to 6 hours per day, additional weekend hours may be requested by the board.

Other Business and Public Discussion:

John stated our annual salt shed inspection will done soon.

Gravel and sealcoat bid requests will be sent out and reviewed at the March meeting.

Next meeting will be Monday March 30, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Dave made a motion at 8:08 PM to adjourn, John seconded.

Peggy Thompson, Clerk