

West Valley Community Council Meeting Minutes

Frenchtown Fire Station-16875 Marion St.

April 9, 2026

Council members in attendance: Tom Tucker, Reagan Mecham, Dave Thompson and Brittany Williams.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:05, with all in attendance standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes (February 12, 2026)

The February minutes were reviewed, a Motion was made to approve by Reagan, the motion were seconded by Tom and approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Reagan provided an update on Kelley's behalf. Reagan sought reimbursement for the zoom subscription of \$331.86 for the 2025 and 2026 calendar years. Reagan provided a receipt, Dave motioned, Tom seconded and all approved unanimously to reimburse Reagan.

4. Communications, Reports & Correspondence

A reminder was provided regarding the newsletter and opportunities to visit the Missoula County Voice website for updates. Reagan noted applications to join the West Valley Community Council were open. Reagan provided an update for Keeping Frenchtown, reading a statement and informing attendees of a meeting on April 30th. Reagan provided an update for FIMA and an open house to schedule 1-1 appointments. No new correspondence.

5. Development Projects

No new development projects were reported.

6. Community Activities & Announcements

An update was given for the Frenchtown Community Coalition (FCC) by Reagan. Reagan discussed the Youth Mental Health First Aid and the goals, signs and symptoms of suicidal ideation. Reagan discussed a prevention night, set for May 14, 2026, from 6-8:30, where students are set to present on social media, substance and the brain and data specific to Frenchtown. Reagan provided an update on the Montana Prevention needs assessment. Reagan stated the FCC is collaborating with the senior all night committee for prom and graduation by offering Big Dipper and bowling. Reagan provided an update for the Science Palooza, which was scheduled for the following Tuesday.

The School District representative was not present, but the next scheduled school board meeting was scheduled to be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

An update was given on behalf of the Frenchtown Senior Citizen Activities by Tom, including the most recent meeting. The meal was hosted by Frenchtown Physical Therapy and Granite Pharmacy. The meeting was catered by Noodles Express and there were 61 seniors in attendance and the speakers included some candidates for the Frenchtown School Board. The next meal was set for the upcoming Wednesday and was to be hosted by the LDS Church.

No update was provided regarding the Smurfit-Stone Community Advisory Group, except to say they meet the first Thursday of every month.

7. Public Comment

Denley Lodge discussed the 250 years of Frenchtown, making a suggestion for a dixie land band to play.

Tom stated the LDS church would be hosting a feed, specifically breakfast from 9-12 with invitation for Frenchtown, Superior and St. Regis.

8. Future Meeting Agenda Items

Discussion of having Commissioner Josh Slotnick, Jason Mitchell with Public Works, Tim Worley with Public Works to discuss the unincorporated areas in Missoula County.

Dave discussed the walking path on behalf of Jeri Delys. Stating a Parks and Recs grant was applied for and was not awarded. Denley mentioned that a Fish Wildlife and Parks trails grant may be available.

9. Old Business

Dave and Sierra gave an update regarding the Town Pump project. Stating the traffic study was turned in and in the process of being analyzed. The Department of Transportation in Helena was evaluating the study. The Keeping Frenchtown group has been working on zoning and gave information regarding current and what they hope to accomplish with zoning. Dave and Sierra gave an update regarding the permits submitted by Town Pump, stating the permits were for a larger structure than proposed initially by Town Pump: 32,000 square feet, 22 fuel pumps and showers. Further, that the contemplated building would be two stories and would be a truck stop. Dave and Sierra provided an update regarding the traffic studies that have been conducted and that will need to be conducted. Sierra and Dave discussed the water issue at the Town Pump site, noting the shallow water table. Curtis Cochran also mentioned that the DEQ has to approve the storm water runoff and to date, there are no permits.

10. New Business

Reagan gave an update on a Mobile Plant Clinic. A discussion was had regarding a donation from the WVCC, specifically \$426.61. A motion was made by Brittany to give half to the Frenchtown Senior Citizens Group and the other half to Keeping Frenchtown, Reagan seconded the motion, Dave abstained from the vote and it passed unanimously.

Curtis and Denley gave updates regarding taxes, the DOT and Transportation Committee and the Fish Creek State Park.

Chief Frisby was on location with a fire and Reagan gave an update on his behalf-encouraging individuals to burn safely.

11. Non public items or non agenda items

None.

12. Adjournment

A Motion was made to adjourn by Reagan with no opposition. Reagan, will you check your AI minutes to see what time the meeting adjourned?