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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Freeport was held on Monday, June 17, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 46 North Ocean Avenue, Freeport, New York, with the following present:

Robert T. Kennedy	Mayor	
Ronald Ellerbe	Deputy Mayor	Excused
Jorge A. Martinez	Trustee	
Christopher L. Squeri	Trustee	
Evette B. Sanchez	Trustee	
Howard E. Colton	Village Attorney	
Pamela Walsh Boening	Village Clerk	

At 5:06 P.M., Mayor Kennedy convened in the main conference room and Trustee Martinez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No residents were present.

At 5:07 P.M., it was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and carried to adjourn this portion of the Legislative Meeting and return to the Mayor’s Conference Room to continue in Executive Session to discuss one (1) Litigation Matter.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

At 5:30 P.M., motion was made by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and carried to reconvene in Legislative Session.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Approximately six (6) residents were present.

Trustee Martinez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri, and carried to approve the Board of Trustees Minutes of May 20, 2024.

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The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

It was moved by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Martinez, and carried to approve the Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2024.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	Abstain
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

It was moved by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez, and carried to approve the Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2024.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and carried to appoint Thomas Basalone as member of the Examining Board of Plumbers, said term to expire April 7, 2025.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Notification of the appointment of Kevin Weltner as member and Chairperson of the Electricians License Board, to fill the unexpired term of Eric Rosmarin, said term to expire April 7, 2025.

Motion was made by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and carried to approve the request to hang one banner promoting the Freeport Canoe Races at Cow Meadow

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Park, on S. Main Street between Raynor Street and Archer Street, from July 4, 2024 August 5, 2024 and that the Electric Department assist in hanging and removing the banner.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and carried to approve the public assembly permit application submitted by the Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Freeport for use of the Guy Lombardo Marina as a staging area for the fireworks display on July 5, 2024 (rain date: July 7, 2024), pending the submission of the proper insurance.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and carried to approve the public assembly permit application, submitted on behalf of the Spanish Evangelical Church, to hold services on July 7, 14, 28 and August 4, 2024, in a portion of the LIRR parking lot, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and carried to approve the public assembly permit application submitted on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, Freeport PAL, and the Village Freeport, to hold the Freeport Canoe Races in Cow Meadow Park, on August 4, 2024, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., pending the submission of the proper insurance.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

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Motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and carried to approve the public assembly permit application, submitted on behalf of Iglesia Pentecostal La Roca Inconmovible, to hold services on August 18, 2024, in a portion the LIRR parking lot, from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and carried to approve the public assembly permit application, submitted on behalf of the Freeport Lions Club, to hold a Back to School & Community Day on August 24, 2024, at Bishop Frank O. White Park, from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and carried to approve the public assembly permit application, submitted on behalf of the Nassau County Legislature, to hold a Back to School supply giveaway on August 24, 2024, in Municipal Lot #10, from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and carried to approve the parade and public assembly application submitted on behalf of Iglesia de Dios de la Profecia Inc., to hold a parade on August 31, 2024, from 10:00 A.M. to 11:15 A.M. starting at 322 Nassau Road, Roosevelt, proceeding south on Main Street ending at the LIRR parking lot, pending the submission of the proper fees.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor

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Trustee Sanchez
Mayor Kennedy

In Favor
In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and carried to approve the public assembly application, submitted on behalf of Iglesia de Dios de la Profecia, Inc., to hold a public assembly on August 31, 2024, in a portion of the LIRR parking lot, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and on September 1, 2024, from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

It was moved by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Squeri that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Village Assessor periodically reviews the exemption status of properties in the Village of Freeport to ensure continuing eligibility under the criteria of particular exemptions; and

WHEREAS, the below list consists of changes to assessed tax value after the adoption of the 2024/2025 Final Assessment Roll; and

S / B / L	Address	Exemption Code	Exemption Amount	Reason
62 / 156 / 772 Unit 217	31 Casino St	41131 Veteran War Time/ Combat	2023—581 2024----581	Sold Property 09/19/2023

WHEREAS, the Assessor reviewed the application and made the recommendation that the exemption be removed from the 2024/2025 Final Assessment Roll as listed above; and

WHEREAS, where a partial exemption is entered on an assessment roll for an ineligible parcel, it is an error in essential fact, which may be corrected by the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Real Property Tax Law; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Assessment Review comprised of members of the Board of Trustees, be authorized to retroactively approve the changes recommended by the Assessor to be made to the 2024/2025 Final Assessment Roll and

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that the Treasurer issue a corrected tax bill.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

It was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Assessor has negotiated tax certiorari settlements for the Assessment Years listed below; and

WHEREAS, the firm Forchelli Deegan Terrana, LLP represented the tax certiorari petitioner in the below settlement negotiation:

Petitioner: Freeport Properties Inc.
33 North Ocean Ave
55 / 268 / 33-34

Total Refund: 2021/2022 to 2024/2025 – Refund: **\$33,975.28** – AV: **21,960** going forward 2025/2026, 2026/2027, and 2027/2028.

Year	EQ	Current AV	Proposed AV	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2021/22	0.0151	37,500	24,915	12,585	0.62296	\$7,839.95
2022/23	0.0150	37,500	25,500	12,000	0.62296	\$7,475.52
2023/24	0.0130	37,500	22,750	14,750	0.61649	\$9,093.23
2024/25	0.0122	37,500	21,960	15,540	0.61561	\$9,566.58

Current MV \$3,073,770 Settled MV \$1,800,000 Refund: \$33,975.28

WHEREAS, the Stipulation of Settlement will be prepared for the above-referenced matter; and

WHEREAS, permission is requested giving the Village Attorney authorization to sign the stipulation of settlement; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the above-listed tax certiorari settlement be approved and that the Assessor is hereby authorized to adjust the 2021/2022 through the 2024/2025 Final Assessment Rolls and that the Treasurer be approved to issue said refund for the amounts cited hereinabove, for a total of \$33,975.28.

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The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

It was moved by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Village of Freeport requires a consultant for services to continue to provide federal and/or state legislative assistance to the New York Association of Public Power (NYAPP); and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are professional services of a specialized nature and are therefore exempt from the competitive bidding requirements of General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the Village is requesting to enter into a Consulting Agreement with Susan J. Stohr, 9 Stanford Place, Montclair, NJ 07042-5009, for a term retroactive to March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025, for a not-to-exceed cost of \$4,170.81; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stohr has certain unique skills, abilities and expertise that will be useful to the Village, in particular legislative support pertaining to electric utility issues; and

WHEREAS, the Village will be paying Ms. Stohr directly for these services instead of making the payment through Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke, PC; and

WHEREAS, these services will be charged to E7852140 578100 (NYAPP); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Board approves and the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute any documentation necessary to effectuate a Consulting Agreement with Susan J. Stohr, 9 Stanford Place, Montclair, NJ 07042-5009, for a term retroactive to March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025, for a not-to-exceed cost of \$4,170.81.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

It was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez that the following resolution be adopted:

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WHEREAS, the Village of Freeport requires a consultant for services to continue to provide electric utility consulting services related to bulk power market transactions, transmission planning and electric utility planning operations for the New York Association of Public Power (NYAPP); and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are professional services of a specialized nature and are therefore exempt from the competitive bidding requirements of General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the Village is requesting to enter into a Consulting Agreement with Whitfield Russell Associates (WRA), 4232 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302, for a retroactive term to March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025, for a not-to-exceed cost of \$18,000.00; and

WHEREAS, WRA has certain unique skills, abilities and expertise that will be useful to the Village, in particular electric utility consulting services related to such matters like bulk power market transactions and transmission planning; and

WHEREAS, the Village will be paying WRA directly for these services instead of making the payment through Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke, PC; and

WHEREAS, these services will be charged to E7852140 578100 (NYAPP); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Board approves and the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute any documentation necessary to effectuate a Consulting Agreement with Whitfield Russell Associates (WRA), 4232 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302, for a retroactive term to March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025, for a not-to-exceed cost of \$18,000.00.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

It was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Freeport Electric Department has need for one (1) truck to replace an Electric Distribution Department Line Truck #212, 1995 GMC TopKick, that has been taken out of service due to mechanical and safety issues; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2022, the Board approved the purchase of one (1) Altec

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Overcenter Articulating Aerial Device with Material Handling (AN55E-OC-US46) from Altec Industries, Inc., 33 Inverness Center Parkway, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, under New York State contract #PC68526 for the cost of \$359,199.00, including delivery; and

WHEREAS, however, the truck was never purchased; the Electric Department can now purchase the truck at a lower price; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Superintendent of Electric Utilities is requesting Board approval for the purchase of one (1) Altec Overcenter Articulating Aerial Device with Material Handling (AN55E-OC-US46) from Altec Industries, Inc., 33 Inverness Center Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35242, under Sourcewell Contract #110421-ALT, for the cost of \$311,209.00, including delivery; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this purchase will come from capital project proceeds that are reserved under Class Account #295 (account number E155 121702), and there are sufficient funds available for this purchase; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Board approves and the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documentation necessary for the purchase of one (1) Altec Overcenter Articulating Aerial Device with Material Handling (AN55E-OC-US46) from Altec Industries, Inc., 33 Inverness Center Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35242, under Sourcewell Contract #110421-ALT, for the cost of \$311,209.00, including delivery.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

It was moved by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2021, the Board approved the September 1, 2021 addendum to the agreement with Systems & Software, 10 East Allen Street, Suite 201, Winooski, Vermont 05495, for the upgrade to enQuesta Version 6.1, at a cost of \$181,460.00; on March 30, 2023, the Board approved to contract for the procurement of enQuesta and 3rd party software maintenance from Systems & Software, Inc., 10 East Allen Street, Suite 201, Winooski, Vermont 05404, for a period running retroactively from March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024, at a cost of \$102,522.18; and on January 8, 2024, the Board approved the service of enQuesta and the 3rd party software maintenance from Systems & Software, Inc., 10 East Allen Street, Suite 201, Winooski, Vermont 05404, for a term from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025, for a total cost of \$115,000.00; and

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WHEREAS, since the upgrade, the Village has introduced AMI meter reads that work wirelessly and feed data wirelessly to the cloud; Quote #27785 for the Analysis, Configuration, Development, Testing and Deployment services of a solution to automatically integrate Aclara (AMI meter reads) into enQuesta; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Freeport requires an annual contract for the support of the enQuesta system, software that is vital for the day-to-day operations of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the enQuesta system is a proprietary software system, whose maintenance and integration component cannot be bid to outside companies, so Systems & Software, Inc. is the only company able to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the new AMI integration software is \$33,345.00 and the prorated maintenance from June 17, 2024 through February 28, 2025 is \$2,496.00 (a total cost of \$35,841.00); and

WHEREAS, the maintenance for the next fiscal year will be \$3,328.00 and this will be added to the annual System and & Software maintenance agreement; and

WHEREAS, this expense shall be charged to 2021 Code 4002 - IT Capital Project Allocation (Budget lines H199702 524000 71%; E 110000 25%; WE107 150107 4%) and there are sufficient funds available in this account to cover this cost; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Board approves and the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to sign any and all documents necessary and proper to effectuate this service of enQuesta and the 3rd party software maintenance from Systems & Software, Inc., 10 East Allen Street, Suite 201, Winooski, Vermont 05404, for a term from June 17, 2024 through February 28, 2025, for a total cost of \$35,841.00.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

It was moved by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Squeri that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Village of Freeport requires a consultant for services, performed in relation to the Electric Utility; and

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WHEREAS, the services to be performed are professional services of a specialized nature and are therefore exempt from the competitive bidding requirements of General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the Village Attorney is requesting a Consultant Services Agreement with SUANT Consulting (SC), 16 Lagoon Blvd., Massapequa, New York 11758; and

WHEREAS, SUANT Consulting, 16 Lagoon Blvd., Massapequa, New York 11758, has certain unique skills, abilities and expertise that may be useful to the Incorporated Village of Freeport and their Electric Utility from time to time, in particular budget and energy resource services, consulting and the managing of an electric utility and anything else that may be required; and

WHEREAS, for all services rendered by SC under this Agreement, the Village shall pay SC a fee not-to-exceed \$142.86 per hour and shall be accompanied by an itemized listing of all charges incurred; and

WHEREAS, this agreement is effective from July 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the cost of these services shall be charged to E7131001 510000 (Supervision & Engineering PP1), E7131002 510000 (Supervision & Engineering PP2), E7131006 510000 (Supervision & Engineering LM60000), and E7811000 578100 (General & Administrative) and there are sufficient funds to cover these costs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a consulting agreement with SUANT Consulting, 16 Lagoon Blvd., Massapequa, New York 11758, for a term from July 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, for a fee not-to-exceed \$142.86 per hour and shall be accompanied by an itemized listing of all charges incurred.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and carried to approve the recommendation of the Freeport Fire Council and that membership be granted to Robert Ellison, Engine Co. #1.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor

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Mayor Kennedy

In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and carried to approve the recommendation of the Freeport Fire Council and that membership be granted to Kishaun Hall, Hose Co. 1.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and carried to approve the recommendation of the Freeport Fire Council and that membership be granted to Jose Junior Osorio, Hose Co. #2.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and carried to approve the recommendation of the Freeport Fire Council and that membership be granted to Brian Hernandez, Hose Co. #2.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and carried to approve the recommendation of the Freeport Fire Council and that membership be granted to Delaney Sewer, Emergency Co. #9.

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Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

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Motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and carried to approve the recommendation of the Freeport Fire Council and that membership be granted to Dominique Danvers, Emergency Co. #9.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

It was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Village is submitting a FEMA Emergency Operations Center grant application in the amount of \$1,350,000 to plan and build an emergency operations Center as an addition to Village Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Village application is made via the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS DHSES), which is consolidating all proposals in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Village is required to match FEMA’s investment at a rate of 25% or \$450,000; and

WHEREAS, the entire project is anticipated to cost \$1.8 million; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to apply to this program was June 3, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for the Incorporated Village of Freeport hereby determines that Mayor Robert T. Kennedy is the representative authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Trustees for the Incorporated Village of Freeport in all matters related to grant funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is also hereby authorized to submit an application to FEMA and NYS DHSES for this project and otherwise act for the Board of Trustees for the Incorporated Village of Freeport, its governing body, in all matters related to the Project retroactive to June 3, 2024.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

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It was moved by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Squeri that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Grants Administrator is requesting for the Board to retroactively authorize the approval of a funding request to the US Department of Justice Byrne Discretionary grant program for the purchase of twenty-six (26) Panasonic Toughbook computers for use in patrol cars, twenty-seven (27) Axon Tasers, and twenty (20) Carbine rifles; and

WHEREAS, the Village is not required to provide matching funds for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Village is submitting a grant application to the Department of Justice in the amount of \$330,000 to acquire technology and equipment for the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to apply to this program was on June 10, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for the Incorporated Village of Freeport hereby determines that Mayor Robert T. Kennedy is the representative authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Trustees for the Incorporated Village of Freeport in all matters related to grant funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is also hereby authorized to submit an application to the Department of Justice for this project and otherwise act for the Board of Trustees for the Incorporated Village of Freeport, its governing body, in all matters related to the Project retroactive to June 10, 2024.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

It was moved by Trustee Squeri seconded by Trustee Sanchez that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Village and the CSEA have heretofore entered into good faith collective negotiations for a Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”) to succeed the Agreement, which expired on February 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Village and the CSEA have tentatively agreed upon the terms and conditions for a successor CBA between the parties and desire to memorialize same;

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of the Agreement are attached hereto; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendations of the Deputy Village Attorney, Robert McLaughlin, and Executive Director of Human Resources, Conor G. Kirwan, the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Village of Freeport and the CSEA for a term retroactive to March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2030.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

It was moved by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2024, the Board authorized the Village Clerk to publish a Notice to Bidders for the “Fire Detection and Alarm System Installation at the Freeport Armory”; and

WHEREAS, twenty-two (22) bids were picked up and three (3) bids were received on May 29, 2024, for the referenced project; and

WHEREAS, the bids ranged from a high of \$348,325.79 to the low bid of \$282,903.00; and

WHEREAS, the lowest and responsible bidder was submitted by South Shore Electric Inc., 1775 Newbridge Road, North Bellmore, NY 11710, in the amount of \$282,903.00; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project will come from a bond resolution authorized by the Village Board of Trustees on September 12, 2023 (Capital account H619702 522400), and the Village anticipates full reimbursement of the project cost through Freeport Community Development; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Works, the Board approves and the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to effectuate any documentation necessary to award the “Fire Detection and Alarm System Installation at the Freeport Armory” to South Shore Electric Inc., 1775 Newbridge Road, North Bellmore, NY 11710, in the amount of \$282,903.00.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

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It was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Martinez that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Incorporated Village of Freeport seeks to provide its residents with a community movie night entitled “Movies by the Meadow” at Cow Meadow Park on various evenings; and

WHEREAS, these events will be facilitated by a full service outdoor/indoor movie event company called The Long Island Motion Pictures Arts Center & Museum, P.O. Box 513, Oceanside, New York 11572, who will provide outdoor movie equipment and film licensing; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Motion Pictures Arts Center & Museum will provide:

- 1- Four (4) Thursday evening movie events at Cow Meadow Park during the summer of 2024, (rain date weather guarantee included). The VOF will choose four (4) family-friendly movies;
- 2- The contracted vendor will provide movie broadcasting equipment that includes; 35 ft. inflatable screen, HD projector, audio sound system, projectionist, crew for set-up and breakdown, and silent Honda generators;
- 3- The Long Island Motion Picture Arts Center & Museum will provide a Certificate of Insurance for \$2,000,000, listing the Incorporated Village of Freeport as additionally insured; and

WHEREAS, the cost to the Village will be \$1,695.00 per evening, and the total cost for the four (4) events will be \$6,780.00; and

WHEREAS, funds will be dispersed from the Village account A641004 546600, Publicity – Promotion Expense; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Manager of the Freeport Recreation Center, the Board approves and the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents to effectuate the agreement for the “Movies by the Meadow” in Cow Meadow Park with The Long Island Motion Pictures Arts Center & Museum, P.O. Box 513, Oceanside, New York 11572, for (4) four Thursday night movies for a total cost of \$6,780.00.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

It was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Martinez that the following resolution be adopted:

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WHEREAS, the Village Attorney’s office has subscribed to CoStar, 1331 L Street, Washington, D.C. 20005, which provides real estate data and tools which helps in the defense of tax certiorari claims, and has subscribed since April of 2018; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2023, the Board approved the subscription with CoStar, 1331 L Street, Washington, D.C. 20005, retroactive to June 1, 2023, for the monthly amount of \$861.35; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this subscription has increased retroactive to June 1, 2024, to the amount of \$900.11 per month, an increase of \$38.76 per month; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this subscription will be paid from A193004 545500 and will be reimbursed from bond proceeds for tax certiorari settlements; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Village Attorney, the Board approves and the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to sign any documentation necessary to approve the subscription with CoStar, 1331 L Street, Washington, D.C. 20005, retroactive to June 1, 2024, to the amount of \$900.11 per month.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

It was moved by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Squeri that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Village Attorney’s Office is requesting Board approval for the contract renewal between the Incorporated Village of Freeport and CivicPlus for the Village’s website hosting, maintenance, and support; and

WHEREAS, the contract renewal with CivicPlus, 302 South 4th Street, Suite 500, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, will be for a retroactive term from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025, for a total cost of \$6,710.01 (an increase of \$637.61 from the 2023/24 cost of \$6,072.40); and

WHEREAS, CivicPlus will continue to be charged to allocation code 1006 for publicity (A641004 542800, E7820000 578100, WE93004 542800), and there are sufficient funds available to cover this cost; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Village Attorney, the Board approves and the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to sign any paperwork necessary to effectuate the contract renewal between the Village of Freeport and

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CivicPlus, 302 South 4th Street, Suite 500, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, for a retroactive term from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025, for a total cost of \$6,710.01.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Mayor Kennedy opened the meeting to questions and comments from those present. Residents voiced the following concerns:

- Maintenance of bathrooms, barbeques, walkways, playground equipment at Parks

It was moved by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez, and carried that the meeting be closed.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	In Favor
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

The meeting was closed at 5:59 P.M.

Pamela Walsh Boening
Village Clerk

At 6:00 P.M. Mayor Kennedy called the public hearing to order to consider the request to open a new taxi company in the Village of Freeport, for which a full stenographic record was taken.

Robert McLaughlin entered nine (9) exhibits, which were marked into the record and turned hearing over to Jerson Pier Chacon Babilonia, owner of Tazi Peru.

It was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Martinez that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Freeport, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action described below, will not have a significant

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effect on the environment and neither a draft environmental impact statement nor a final environmental impact statement will be prepared; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is to consider the request to open a taxi company known as Taxi Peru in the Village of Freeport; and

WHEREAS, this Board determines that the proposed action is an unlisted action, as that term is defined in the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, herein after referred to as SEQRA. After careful consideration, the Board has concluded that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

1. The proposed action will not result in a substantial adverse change in the existing air quality, ground or surface water quality, traffic or noise level, will not affect solid waste production, and will not affect erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems.
2. The proposed action will not result in the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna nor interfere with the movement or any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, nor impact on a significant habitat area, nor result in any other significant adverse effect to natural resources.
3. The proposed action will not encourage or attract a large number of people.
4. The proposed action is consistent with the community's current plans and goals for enforcement of Village laws.
5. The proposed action would not impair the character or quality of important historical, archeological, architectural or aesthetic resources of the Village.
6. The proposed action will not bring about a major change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy.
7. The proposed action will not create a hazard to human health.
8. The proposed action will not produce a substantial change in the use or intensity of land, including cultural or recreational resources, or its capacity to support existing uses.
9. The proposed action will not create a material demand for other actions that would result in any of the above consequences.
10. The proposed action will not change two or more elements in the environment, which when considered together could result in a substantial adverse impact on the environment.

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- 11. When considered cumulatively with other actions, the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment or meet one of the above criteria.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Freeport, after reviewing the above criteria has determined that the proposed action is not environmentally significant.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and carried to close the hearing to further evidence and testimony.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

It was moved by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Squeri that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, on or about April 30, 2024, a letter with a proposal to open and operate a business for the use and hire of taxi cabs was submitted to the Mayor’s Office by Jerson Pier Chacon Babilonia; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 6, 2024, an updated letter (to include another vehicle) with a proposal to open and operate a business for the use and hire of taxi cabs was submitted to the Mayor’s Office by Jerson Pier Chacon Babilonia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Babilonia is the owner of Taxi Peru, 146 S. Main Street, Freeport, New York 11520; and

WHEREAS, this request was noticed for a public hearing scheduled for June 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2024, the Board of Trustees conducted a hearing to obtain information relative to the aforesaid proposal; and

WHEREAS, at said public hearing a representative did present a proposal to operate a

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taxi cab service within the Incorporated Village of Freeport; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Freeport hereby finds that the public interest will be best served if an additional taxi cab company is permitted to operate in the Village of Freeport; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that four (4) operating medallions be issued to Jerson Pier Chacon Babilonia, owner of Tax Peru, 146 S. Main Street, Freeport, New York 11520, subject to the requirements of Chapter 188 of the Code of the Village of Freeport, subject to the operator obtaining an office and building for the use of said service within the Incorporated Village of Freeport.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

It was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and carried that the hearing be closed.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

The meeting was closed at 6:10 P.M.

Pamela Walsh Boening
Village Clerk