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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Freeport was held on Monday, March 24, 2025 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 Sanchez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No residents were present.

At 5:07 P.M., it was moved by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and carried to adjourn this portion of the Legislative Meeting and return to the Mayor’s Conference Room to continue in Executive Session to consult with Counsel.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe	Excused
Trustee Martinez	Not Present
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

At 5:33 P.M., motion was made by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri 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 three (3) 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 March 3, 2025.

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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	Abstain
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 Memorial Library to hold a summer festival on Friday, June 27, 2025 from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. occupying various areas of the library grounds.

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, 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 and 2025/2026 Final Assessment Rolls; and

S / B / L	Address	Exemption Code	Exemption Amount	Reason
54/ 070 / 15	31 Pennsylvania Ave	41800 - Senior	41800 – 2025 – 2,025 41800 – 2024 -- 0	Deceased 12/23/24
54 / 201 / 13	181 Park Ave	41800 - Senior	41800 -- 2025 - 2,350 41800 – 2024 - 2,350	Deceased 1/2/25
54 / 313 / 15	67 West End Ave	41800 - Senior	41800 - 2025 – 1,750 41800 – 2024 – 1,750	Deceased 12/16 /24

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55 / 361 / 1116	249 N Columbus Ave	41101 - Veteran	41101--2025 – 300 41101 –2024 - 300	Deceased 1/30 /25
62 / 187 / 657	685 S Bayview Ave	41121 - Veteran	41121 - 2025 – 439 41121 – 2024 - 468	Sale 12/30/24
62 / 091 / 377	88 President St	41121 - Veteran 41800 - Senior	41121 - 2025 – 439 41800 -2025 – 2,256 41121 – 2024 - 468 41800 - 2024– 2,241	Deceased 2/21 /25
36 / 519 / 17	197 Delaware Ave	41800 - Senior	41800 - 2025 – 2,575 41800 – 2024 - 0 41800 – 2023 - 0	Sale 2/1/24
55 / 394 / 428	35 High Pl	41800 - Senior	41800 - 2025 – 2,975 41800 – 2024 - 2,975	Sale 1/17/25
55 / 363 / 657	34 Colonial Ave	41121 - Veteran	41121 – 2024 - 468 41121 - 2025 – 439	Sale 2/14/25

WHEREAS, the Assessor reviewed the application and made the recommendation that the exemption be removed from the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 Final Assessment Rolls 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 and 2025/2026 Final Assessment Rolls and 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

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Trustee Sanchez
Mayor Kennedy

In Favor
In Favor

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

WHEREAS, the Village Assessor is requesting Board approval of the court-ordered Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) reductions for:

SCARS 2024/ 2025 Petitioner	Current 2024 AV TOTAL	SCARS 2024 AV	Reduction Amount	Refund (.61561)	Fee (\$30)	Total Refund
Litt Law Group, LLC	34,374	31,697	2,677	\$1,647.98	\$150.00	\$1,797.98
Farrell Fritz, P.C	7,860	6,739	1,121	\$690.09	\$30	\$720.09
Blodnick, Fazio & Clark	5,921	5,681	240	\$147.74	\$30	\$177.74

LITT LAW GROUP, LLC

55 / 371 / 67	224 Jay Street	81.71
62 / 179 / 457	732 S Ocean Ave	139.57
62 / 183 / 317	539 Nassau Ave	287.94
55 / 151 / 25	216 Putnam Ave	646.84
54 / 067 / 318	110 Pearsall Ave	<u>641.92</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,797.98

FARRELL FRITZ, PC

62 / 112 / 6	273 S Ocean Ave	\$ 720.09
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BLODNICK, FAZIO, and CLARK

62 / 100 / 684	82 Grant Street	\$ 177.74
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WHEREAS, these refunds are from grievances to the 2024/2025 Final Assessment Roll and apply the amount to the specific properties attached; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Assessment Review comprised of members of the Board of Trustees, be authorized to approve the court-ordered Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) reductions, and authorize the Village Treasurer to

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issue a refund to Litt Law Group, LLC, in the amount of \$1,797.98; Farrell Fritz, P.C, in the amount of \$720.09; and Blodnick, Fazio & Clark, in the amount of \$177.74.

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, the Electric Utility contracted with CivicPlus, 317 Houston Street, Suite E, Manhattan, Kansas 66502 to host the Utility’s website, which was approved by the Board starting March 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, said agreement included an annual service fee of \$1,575.00 commencing March 1, 2017, which was subject to an annual increase of 5% for subsequent years; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2021, the Board approved an agreement between the Village of Freeport and CivicPlus, 317 Houston Street, Suite E, Manhattan, Kansas 66502 for a term of three years effective March 1, 2021 to February 29, 2024, for a total of \$2,302.09 (hosting and support \$2,110.64; certificate \$191.45) for the term running from March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2024, the Board approved a renewal agreement between the Village of Freeport and CivicPlus, 317 Houston Street, Suite E, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, for a one-year term running from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025, for a fee of \$2,854.60; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Electric Utilities is requesting Board approval for the Renewal Agreement for the Freeport Electric Core Subsite Hosting and Support and the SSL Certificate with CivicPlus, for a retroactive term from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026, for a fee of \$2,997.32 (subject to an annual 5% increase in fees); and

WHEREAS, the contract will be charged to account E7856000 578100 (Electric Website); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Board approves and the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to sign any paperwork necessary to effectuate a renewal agreement between the Village of Freeport and CivicPlus, 317 Houston Street, Suite E, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, for a retroactive term from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026, for a fee of \$2,997.32.

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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 Superintendent of Electric Utilities is requesting the Board to approve a Consultant Agreement for lobbying services; 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 Roffe Group of Robinson+Cole, 111 Washington Avenue, Third Floor, Albany, NY 12210, has certain unique skills, abilities and expertise that will be useful to the Incorporated Village of Freeport Electric Utility, in particular government relations lobbying; and

WHEREAS, under the scope of the Agreement, the firm will provide lobbying services to the New York Association of Public Power (NYAPP) of which the Village is a member; and

WHEREAS, the Village will be paying the firm, The Roffe Group of Robinson+Cole, 111 Washington Avenue, Third Floor, Albany, NY 12210, retroactive from March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026, for the cost of \$16,920.00 plus 23.5% of the miscellaneous expenses incurred; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Board approves, and the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute the Consultant Agreement for lobbying services with The Roffe Group of Robinson+Cole, 111 Washington Avenue, Third Floor, Albany, NY 12210, retroactive from March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026, for the cost of \$16,920.00 plus 23.5% of the miscellaneous expenses incurred.

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

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2025, the Board authorized the Village Clerk to advertise a Notice to Bidders, for the “75,000 Gallons, More or Less, Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) – Power Plant 1”, Bid #25-03-ELEC-734; and

WHEREAS, nine (9) bid packages were distributed to various vendors for the referenced bid; and

WHEREAS, the lowest and responsible bidder was submitted by Sprague Operating Resources LLC, 185 International Drive, Portsmouth, NH 03801, for the Argus ULSD Average (NYHB) NY Harbor Barge pricing plus \$0.1821/gallon delivered to Freeport; and

WHEREAS, the contract term will be for a retroactive term from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2027, with a one-year extension option subject to the mutual consent of both parties; and

WHEREAS, the termination of the contract may be further extended up to two (2) months beyond the termination date; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the oil will be charged to Account #E7141001 510000 (Fuel Oil) and there are sufficient funds available for this expense; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Board approves and the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to sign any paperwork necessary to award for the “75,000 Gallons, More or Less, Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) – Power Plant 1”, Bid #25-03-ELEC-734, to Sprague Operating Resources LLC, 185 International Drive, Portsmouth, NH 03801, for the Argus ULSD Average (NYHB) NY Harbor Barge pricing plus \$0.1821/gallon delivered to Freeport, for a retroactive term from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2027, with a one-year extension option subject to the mutual consent of both parties, and may be further extended up to two (2) months beyond the termination date.

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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:

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WHEREAS, the Electric Department is in need of a 50’ fully hydraulic derrick, rear mount; and

WHEREAS, this derrick will replace a 1986 model (Truck 226) which is past end of life; and

WHEREAS, a quote for the derrick from Altec Industries, Inc. (under Sourcewell Contract #110421-ALT), 5610 Corporate Drive, St. Joseph, MO 64507, for a cost not to exceed \$371,747.00; and

WHEREAS, Altec Industries, Inc. is a member of the Sourcewell cooperative, and Sourcewell is a national cooperative purchasing agreement that allows municipalities to award contracts based on Sourcewell’s established competitive solicitations; and

WHEREAS, this type of purchase is consistent with Village and State procurement guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the cost will be financed as follows under expense code E 110000 from Work Order Work Order #2509.01 Class #398 and there are sufficient funds available for this expense; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Board approves and the Mayor be is hereby authorized to sign any documentation necessary for the purchase of a 50’ fully hydraulic derrick, rear mount from Altec Industries, Inc. 5610 Corporate Drive, St. Joseph, MO 64507, for a cost not to exceed \$371,747.00.

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

WHEREAS, the Electric Department is in need of six (6) single phase padmounted transformers; and

WHEREAS, these items were included under Bid #22-02-ELEC-600, however that contract was canceled due to the vendor’s default; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Electric Utilities is requesting Board approval for the purchase of six (6) single phase padmounted transformers from Wesco Distribution Inc., 500

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Prime Place, Hauppauge, NY 11788, under Sourcewell contract #091422-WES, for a cost not to exceed \$59,810.00; and

WHEREAS, Wesco Distribution, Inc. is a member of the Sourcewell cooperative, and Sourcewell is a national cooperative purchasing agreement that allows municipalities to award contracts based on Sourcewell's established competitive solicitations; and

WHEREAS, this type of purchase is consistent with Village and State procurement guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the cost will be financed from E 110000 (Inventory) WO #2482 and there are sufficient funds available for this expense; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Board approves and the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to sign any documentation necessary to approve for the purchase of six (6) single phase padmounted transformers from Wesco Distribution Inc., 500 Prime Place, Hauppauge, NY 11788, under Sourcewell contract #091422-WES, for a cost not to exceed \$59,810.00.

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 Electric Department is requesting Board approval for the purchase of a single electric axle trailer; and

WHEREAS, a quote for the pole trailer from Altec Industries, Inc. (under Sourcewell Contract #110421-ALT), 5610 Corporate Drive, St. Joseph, MO 64507, for a cost not to exceed \$26,453.00; and

WHEREAS, Altec Industries, Inc. is a member of the Sourcewell cooperative, and Sourcewell is a national cooperative purchasing agreement that allows municipalities to award contracts based on Sourcewell's established competitive solicitations; and

WHEREAS, this type of purchase is consistent with Village and State procurement guidelines; and

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WHEREAS, the cost will be financed as follows under expense code E 110000: \$6,000.00 from Work Order #2493 Class #354; \$20,453.00 from WO #2454 Class #397 and there are sufficient funds available for this expense; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Board approves and the Mayor be is hereby authorized to sign any documentation necessary for the purchase of a single electric axle trailer from Altec Industries, Inc. 5610 Corporate Drive, St. Joseph, MO 64507, for a cost not to exceed \$26,453.00.

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

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2024, the Board approved for the purchase of eight (8) four-hour blocks of routine and emergency remote support time for the GE LM6000 control system, from GE Vernova Operations LLC, One Neumann Way, M/D S158, Cincinnati, OH 45215, for the total cost of \$20,000 for a retroactive term from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the GE LM6000 generating unit, located at Power Plant 2, is committed to providing energy to the electrical grid as well as to the Village of Freeport; it is essential that this generating unit run reliably; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Electric Utilities is requesting Board approval for the purchase of eight (8) four-hour blocks of routine and emergency remote support time for the GE LM6000 control system, from GE Vernova Operations LLC, One Neumann Way, M/D S158, Cincinnati, OH 45215, for the total cost of \$21,000.00 (an increase of \$1,000) for a retroactive term from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the support will come from Woodward Governor, Inc., a controls supplier approved by GE Vernova; and

WHEREAS, this support is critical to quickly resolve any pressing issues that may occur and optimize the efficient performance of the GE LM6000 unit; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this purchase will be charged to E7157006 510000 (Repairs to Misc. Power Plant Equipment); and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Board approves and the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to sign any paperwork necessary for the purchase of eight (8) four-hour blocks of routine and emergency remote support time for the GE LM6000 control system, from GE Vernova Operations LLC, One Neumann Way, M/D S158, Cincinnati, OH 45215, for the total cost of \$21,000.00 for a retroactive term from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026.

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 that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2025, the Board approved that the uncollectible customers' accounts for the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 be written-off in the amount of \$202,660.37 effective February 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, however, as of February 28, 2025, the write-off amount was adjusted by an additional \$4,287.39; and

WHEREAS, as per the Rules and Regulations of the Public Service Commission, 16 NYCRR, the Freeport Electric Utility has requested permission to write-off various uncollectible customers' accounts, the Village has sufficient funds accumulated in Account 266 – "Reserve for Uncollectible Accounts", to write-off Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 in the adjusted amount of \$206,947.76 retroactive to February 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, every effort has been made by the Electric Billing Department and Legal Staff to recover the unpaid bills, including processing through a collections agency; and

WHEREAS, the delinquent accounts are mainly from consumers leaving the Village with no forwarding address or the result of bankruptcy; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Electric Utilities that the uncollectible customers' accounts for the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 be written-off in the adjusted amount of \$206,947.76 retroactive to February 28, 2025.

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	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 Anderson Tavares, 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 Juan Ramos, 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
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 Hanssel Baena, Hose Co. #5.

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:

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2024, the Board approved to renew the contract with Civic Plus, 302 S. 4th Street, Suite 500, Manhattan, KS 66502, for an annual fee of \$ 8,924.00 for a term from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Freeport Emergency Management Team is requesting Board approval to renew the contract with Civic Plus, 302 S. 4th Street, Suite 500, Manhattan, KS 66502, for an

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annual fee of \$ 9,369.85 (with increase in the annual fee from last year) for a retroactive term from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Civic Plus has proven to be more cost effective than the prior vendor through Robo Calls and has improved interoperability with our website and the collection of data from residents; and

WHEREAS, funding for this expense will be from FY 2026 A348904 540600; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director of the Fire Department, the Board approves, and the Mayor be and is hereby authorize to sign any paperwork necessary to renew the contract with Civic Plus, 302 S. 4th Street, Suite 500, Manhattan, KS 66502, for an annual fee of \$ 9,369.85 for a retroactive term from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026.

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:

WHEREAS, the Freeport Police Department is requesting Board approval to purchase four (4) 2025 Police Interceptor SUVs as replacements for patrol vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in order to purchase these vehicles, it is recommended that the Village of Freeport, in accordance with section 4 of the Village's procurement policy, "piggyback" off the Westchester County contract, #RFB-WC-23505; and

WHEREAS, Nielson Ford (the Prosper of Westchester County), 170 Ridgedale Ave., Morristown, NY 07960, will deliver the vehicles fully equipped for the total cost of \$292,075.29; and

WHEREAS, the expense will be funded from Account H349702 522701 Police Vehicle Ban; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of four (4) 2025 Police Interceptor SUVs from Nielson Ford, 170 Ridgedale Ave., Morristown, NY 07960, for the total cost of \$292,075.29.

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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 Board authorized the Village Clerk to publish a Notice to Bidders, for the “2025 Annual Curb and Sidewalk Contract”; and

WHEREAS, twenty-eight (28) bids were distributed and nine (9) bids were received on February 18, 2025, for the referenced requirements contract; and

WHEREAS, the bids range from a high bid of \$1,041,050.00 to a low bid of \$252,307.00; and

WHEREAS, the lowest and responsible bidder was submitted by Roadwork Ahead, 2186 Kirby Lane, Syosset, New York 11791, in the amount of \$252,307.00; and

WHEREAS, the contract will be for a retroactive term from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026, with an option for two (2) one-year extensions if mutually accepted; and

WHEREAS, this Contract can be utilized by any Department within the Village and therefore, work done under this contract will be paid for under the appropriate account or budget line from the requesting Department; 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 is hereby authorized to sign any documentation necessary to award the “2025 Annual Curb and Sidewalk Contract” to Roadwork Ahead, 2186 Kirby Lane, Syosset, New York 11791, in the amount of \$252,307.00 for a retroactive term from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026, with an option for two (2) one-year extensions if mutually accepted.

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 utilizes the services of CCS Adjusters Inc. of 100 Ring Road, Suite 202, Garden City, New York 11530 (formerly Customized Claims Solutions, LLC) to manage its non-health insurance, self-insured insurance programs, including but not limited to, negligence, civil rights, and property damage claims against the Village, and the insuring of Village buildings and property; and

WHEREAS, the Village recently approved a proposal for legal software to be used by the Village Attorney’s office and Human Resources to track and manage claims in-house, however transition time is needed; and

WHEREAS, the Village Attorney wishes to extend the contract for a term retroactive to March 1, 2025 and terminating August 31, 2025, at a cost of \$53,928.00 (\$26,964.00 per quarter), with all terms of the previous contract remaining in effect, including a provision allowing either party the option to terminate the agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice, without penalty; and

WHEREAS, funds are to be drawn from budget line A193104 545500 and there are sufficient funds allocated in the budget for this expense; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Village Attorney, the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents which are necessary and proper to extend the contract between the Village of Freeport and CCS Adjusters Inc. of 100 Ring Road, Suite 202, Garden City, New York 11530 in the amount of \$53,928.00 (\$26,964.00 per quarter), running from March 1, 2025 and ending August 31, 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

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FREEPORT, NEW YORK, that the VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS Article III Parking Restrictions be amended as follows:

Sec. 42. Two-hour parking at all times unless otherwise indicated.

ADD:

Guy Lombardo Avenue, east side, beginning at a point 130 feet south of southerly curblineline of Merrick Road and continuing in a southerly direction for a distance of 55 feet.

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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, Pursuant to §5-520 of the New York State Village Law, authorization is requested for the Village Comptroller to execute the following transfer to the fiscal year 2025/2026 operating budget:

FROM:

A145002 520100	ELECTION EQUIPMENT	\$5,000.00
A145004 540200	PRINTING STATIONERY SUPPLIES	\$1,000.00

TO:

A145004 542600	RENTAL OF MACHINES	\$6,000.00
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WHEREAS, the purpose of the above transfer is to appropriate the necessary funding to cover the Village Clerk Operating Expenses for the remainder of fiscal year 2025-26; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Comptroller, the above-referenced transfer is hereby approved.

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, Pursuant to §5-520 of the New York State Village Law, authorization is requested for the Village Comptroller to execute the following transfer to the fiscal year 2025/2026 operating budget:

FROM:

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A312004-545700 NON-EMPLOYEE SALARIES \$35,000.00

TO:

A312001-510300 PART-TIME SALARIES \$35,000.00

WHEREAS, the purpose of the above transfer is to appropriate the necessary funding to cover the Village Police Department Operating Expenses for the remainder of fiscal year 2025-26; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Comptroller, the above-referenced transfer is hereby approved.

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

Trustee Squeri offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FREEPORT, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 24, 2025, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TAX CERTIORARI JUDGMENTS, COMPROMISED CLAIMS AND SETTLED CLAIMS PAYABLE IN THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2026, RESULTING FROM COURT ORDERS PURSUANT TO TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT UNDER ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$813,750, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$813,750 BONDS OF SAID VILLAGE TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

Recitals

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) the Village of Freeport, Nassau County, New York (the “Village”) proposes to authorize the issuance of \$813,750 in serial bonds of the Village to finance amounts due with respect to the judgments, compromised claims or settled claims resulting from court orders on proceedings brought pursuant to Article Seven of the Real Property Tax Law (the “Tax Certiorari Refund Payments”) with respect to the fiscal year ending February 28, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, the Board now wishes to appropriate funds and to authorize the issuance of the Village's serial bonds and bond anticipation notes to be issued to finance the Tax Certiorari Refund Payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeport, Nassau County, New York (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of such body), as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees (the "Board") the Village of Freeport, Nassau County, New York (the "Village") is hereby authorized to finance amounts due with respect to the judgments, compromised claims or settled claims resulting from court orders on proceedings brought pursuant to Article Seven of the Real Property Tax Law (the "Tax Certiorari Refund Payments") with respect to the fiscal year ending February 28, 2026. The estimated total cost of said Tax Certiorari Refund Payments, including legal and professional fees and preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$813,750 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$813,750 serial bonds of the Village to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property of the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable. No amount has previously been authorized by the Village to be applied to the payment of such Tax Certiorari Refund Payments.

Section 2. Serial bonds of the Village in the principal amount of \$813,750 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to provisions of Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance said appropriation, provided, however the Village Treasurer must file with the Village Clerk and Bond Counsel, a copy of a final court order for any judgments, compromised claims or settled claims to be financed by this bond resolution prior to the sale of bonds or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds to finance such judgments, compromised claims or settled claims.

Section 3. The period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said \$813,750 bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 33-a. of the Law, is five (5) years; provided, however, that if the total amount of tax refunds to be paid pursuant to court orders during the fiscal year in which any of said refunds are paid is (i) more

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than one per centum but less than three per centum of the Village's tax levy for such fiscal year, then the period of probable usefulness applicable to the bonds issued in connection with any such refund shall be ten (10) years, and (ii) more than three per centum but less than five per centum of the Village's tax levy for such fiscal year, then the period of probable usefulness applicable to the bonds issued in connection with any such refund shall be fifteen (15) years, and (iii) more than five per centum of the Village's tax levy for such fiscal year, then the period of probable usefulness applicable to the bonds issued in connection with any such refund shall be twenty (20) years.

Section 4. The temporary use of available funds of the Village, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Law, for the purposes described in this resolution. The Village shall reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution. This resolution shall constitute a declaration of official intent to reimburse the expenditures authorized herein with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

Section 5. The final maturity of the bonds herein authorized to be issued may be in excess of five (5) years provided the conditions set forth in section 3 hereof are met.

Section 6. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

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Section 7. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, and of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and of Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 8. The Board of Trustees hereby determines that this resolution and the actions authorized herein constitute a “Type II” action within the meaning of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation thereunder (collectively, “SEQRA”) and that no further action under SEQRA need be taken by the Board of Trustees as a condition precedent to the adoption of this resolution.

Section 9. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money; or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 10. This bond resolution shall take effect immediately, and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with

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a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Law in the “Freeport Herald Leader,” a newspaper having a general circulation in the Village and hereby designated the official newspaper of said Village for such publication..

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Sanchez and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

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

The resolution was declared adopted.

Trustee Squeri offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FREEPORT, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “VILLAGE”) AMENDING THE BOND RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2024 RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN TAX CERTIORARI JUDGMENTS, COMPRISED OF CLAIMS AND SETTLED CLAIMS RESULTING FROM COURT ORDERS

Recitals

WHEREAS, by a bond resolution dated February 26, 2024 (the “February 2024 Bond Resolution”) the Board of Trustees of the Village (the “Board of Trustees”) previously authorized the issuance of serial bonds and bond anticipation notes of the Village in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,050,000 to finance the estimated cost of the class of objects or purposes of satisfying certain judgments, compromised claims or settled claims resulting from court orders on proceedings brought

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pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law (the “Tax Certiorari Refund Payments”) that were payable in the fiscal year ended February 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, under the authority of the February 2024 Bond Resolution, the Village heretofore issued bond anticipation notes in the principal amount of \$485,000 (the “Prior Notes”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees now intends to amend the February 2024 Bond Resolution in order to (i) limit the Tax Certiorari Refund Payments to be financed by the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized thereunder to the principal amount of the Prior Notes; (ii) reduce the estimated maximum cost set forth in the February 2024 Bond Resolution from \$1,050,000 to \$485,000 and amend the plan of finance as a result of such reduced maximum cost; and (iii) reduce the maximum amount of bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized thereunder to the principal amount of the Prior Notes heretofore issued (\$485,000);

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE VILLAGE OF FREEPORT, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “VILLAGE”) HEREBY RESOLVES (by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the members of such body), TO AMEND THE BOND RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2024 AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of said Bond Resolution is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. The Village is hereby authorized to finance the class of objects or purposes of paying amounts due with respect to the judgments, compromised claims or settled claims resulting from court orders on proceedings brought pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law that are payable in the fiscal year ended February 28, 2025. The estimated maximum cost of said class of objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto, including legal and professional fees, and the financing thereof, is \$485,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$485,000 serial bonds of the Village to finance a portion of said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property of the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable. No amount has previously been authorized by the Village to be applied to the payment of such class of objects or purposes.”

SECTION 2. Section 2 of the Bond Resolution is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 2. Serial bonds of the Village in the principal amount of \$485,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the “Law”) to finance said appropriation.”

SECTION 3. Except as specifically amended herein, all the terms and provisions of the Bond Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

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SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Sanchez and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

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

The resolution was declared adopted.

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

- Aggressive bike riding on the sidewalks

It was moved by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Martinez, 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 5:50 P.M.

Pamela Walsh Boening
Village Clerk