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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Freeport was held on Monday, May 19, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 46 North Ocean Avenue, Freeport, New York, with the following present:

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| Robert T. Kennedy | Mayor |
| Jorge A. Martinez | Deputy Mayor |
| Christopher L. Squeri | Trustee |
| Evette B. Sanchez | Trustee |
| Jacques V. Butler | Trustee |
| Robert McLaughlin | Deputy Village Attorney |
| Pamela Walsh Boening | Village Clerk |

At 5:02 P.M., Mayor Kennedy convened in the main conference room and Deputy Mayor Martinez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No residents were present.

At 5:03 P.M., it was moved by Trustee Butler, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and unanimously 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:

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| Deputy Mayor Martinez | In Favor |
| Trustee Squeri | In Favor |
| Trustee Sanchez | In Favor |
| Trustee Butler | In Favor |
| Mayor Kennedy | In Favor |

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

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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| Deputy Mayor Martinez | In Favor |
| Trustee Squeri | In Favor |
| Trustee Sanchez | In Favor |
| Trustee Butler | In Favor |
| Mayor Kennedy | In Favor |

Approximately six (6) residents were present.

Deputy Mayor Martinez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri, and unanimously carried to approve the Board of Trustees Minutes of May 5, 2025.

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The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

It was moved by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Butler, and unanimously carried to approve the Board of Trustees Dangerous/Nuisance hearing minutes of May 5, 2025.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Trustee Butler, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Edgar Campbell as Deputy Chairperson of the Planning Board, said term to expire April 6, 2026.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Edgar Campbell as a member of the Planning Board for a seven (7) year term, expiring April 5, 2032.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Trustee Butler, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Edgar Campbell as a member of the Public Safety Committee for a term expiring April 6, 2026.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor

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Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Trustee Butler	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Tiffany Frigenti as Special Prosecutor, said term to expire April 6, 2026.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Butler and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Darren Merims as Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals, said term to expire April 6, 2026.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and unanimously carried to approve the block party permit application, to be held on Sunday, June 8, 2025 from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Harrison Avenue between Best Street and Commercial Street; with a reminder to those in attendance that the Village has "Open Container" law among its ordinances which stipulates that no alcoholic beverages may be served or carried on the streets and the Police, Fire and Highway Departments be so notified.

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

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Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Martinez, seconded by Trustee Butler and unanimously carried to approve the public assembly permit application submitted on behalf of AMT Children of Hope Baby Safe Haven, Inc., to hold a community event on Saturday, June 28, 2025 (no rain date), from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., at the Plum Picnic Section in Cow Meadow Park.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Deputy Mayor Martinez and unanimously carried to approve the request to hang a banner promoting the Freeport Canoe Races at Cow Meadow Park, from July 3, 2025 through August 4, 2025 on S. Main Street between Raynor Street and Archer Street and that the Electric Department assist in hanging and removing the banner.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and unanimously carried to approve the public assembly permit application submitted on behalf of the Long Island Arts Council to hold a summer concert series on various Thursday evenings beginning July 3, 2025 through and including August 28, 2025, from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M., at the Woodcleft Avenue Esplanade.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Trustee Butler, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and unanimously carried to approve the public assembly permit application submitted on behalf of the Freedom Community Church, to hold a concert on Saturday, July 5, 2025, from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., at the Woodcleft Avenue Esplanade.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor

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Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Trustee Butler	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Butler and unanimously carried to approve the public assembly permit application submitted on behalf of Sky Fitness, LLC to hold a fitness competition on Saturday, July 19, 2025 and Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., at the fitness circuit in Cow Meadow Park.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Trustee Butler, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and unanimously carried to approve the public assembly permit application submitted on behalf of the Freeport PAL, the Freeport Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Freeport, to hold the Freeport Canoe Races on Sunday, August 3, 2025, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., at Cow Meadow Park, pending the submission of the proper insurance.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Butler and unanimously carried to approve the public assembly permit application, submitted on behalf of the Nassau County Legislature, to hold the 2025 National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 (no rain date), from 4:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., at Bishop Frank O. White Park, pending the submission of the proper insurance.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and unanimously carried to approve the Public Assembly Permit application submitted on behalf of the Nassau County Legislature, to hold the Kutz for Edu School Supply Giveaway on Saturday, August 23,

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2025, from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., in Municipal Lot #10, pending the submission of the proper insurance.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri that the following decision be adopted:

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FREEPORT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES DECISION**

DATE: May 19, 2025

A hearing was noticed for May 5, 2025, in the Board of Trustees Conference Room for a determination pursuant to Freeport Village Ordinance §128-58 (Property Maintenance Requirements), §128-59 (Maintenance Standards), and §128-62 (Nuisances and Abatement) as to the condition of the property located at 166 W Seaman Avenue, Freeport, New York. The property owner Elizabeth T. McLaughlin was noticed. No one appeared. Deputy Village Attorney Jennifer Ungar explained that the house has been vacant for a few years. There are broken windows and a boarded-up rear door, both in violation of the Village Code requiring plexi-glass for boarded-up properties. There are sections of gutter hanging off of the house. There is a section of the house when an overhang fell down, was removed from the property, but there is now an exposed section of the house, with the sheathing open to the elements, with no siding.

Due to these issues, the Board passed a motion to approve the necessary repairs on the house, including installing plexi-glass on the Boarded up door and broken windows, fixing the hanging gutters, and adding siding or other appropriate repair to the area of the house where the sheathing is exposed.

Based on the evidence and testimony about the house on 166 West Seaman Avenue, the Board finds pursuant to §128-60(C) (1) and (4) of the Freeport Village Code that the house has not been maintained under the requirements of the code. Further, the house is deemed to be a nuisance under §128-62 and §128-63 and shall be repaired as provided in the Village Code. The

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Board authorizes the Village Clerk to send out this decision, ordering that such repairs must be made by May 30, 2025. Should homeowner fail to complete the repairs by that date, the Board authorizes services to be obtained to repair the defects in the house, as listed above. Any expenditure by the Village for these repairs will be applied to the homeowner’s taxes, and if unpaid, will become a lien on the property.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

It was moved by Trustee Butler, 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 2025/2026 Final Assessment Roll; and

S / B / L	Address	Exemption Code	Exemption Amount	Reason
62 / 069 / 160	25 E 1 st Street	41661- Volunteer Firefighter	2025 – 640	Property Sold 10/18/2024

WHEREAS, the Assessor reviewed the application and made the recommendation that the exemption be removed from the 2025/2026 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 2025/2026 Final Assessment Roll and that the Treasurer issue a corrected tax bill.

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

It was moved by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Butler 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 Long Island Tax Reduction and Maidenbaum & Sternberg, LLP:

Taxable AV Property - Long Island Tax Reduction

SCARS 2024 / 2025 Petitioner / SBL	Property Address	Current 2024 AV Total	2024 AV Awarded @ SCAR	Reduction Amount	Refund (.61561)	Fee (\$30)	Total Refund
Long Island Tax Reduction / SBL 55 / 392 / 98,202	344 N Long Beach Ave	6764	6329	435	\$267.79	\$30	\$297.79

Taxable AV Properties - Maidenbaum & Sternberg LLC

SCARS 2024 / 2025 Petitioner / SBL	Property Address	Current 2024 AV Total	2024 AV Awarded @ SCAR	Reduction Amount	Refund (.61561)	Fee (\$30)	Total Refund
54 / 457 / 211	56 Beverly PkwY	6700	6048	652	401.38	30	431.38
55 / 401 / 265-266	377 Wallace St	6175	5940	235	144.67	30	174.67
62 / 234 / 64- 66	253 E Westside Ave	7696	7690	6	3.69	30	33.69

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62 / 034 / 185	265 E Westside Ave	7317	7171	146	89.88	30	119.88
62 / 112 / 19	287 S Ocean Ave	7746	6739	1007	619.92	30	649.92
55 / 385 / 6	99 Connecticut Ave	6642	6210	432	265.94	30	295.94
62 / 206 / 4	16 Laurette Ln	7200	6556	644	396.45	30	426.45
62 / 157 / 9-12	357 Long Beach Ave	7400	7035	365	224.70	30	254.70
62 / 184 / 310	272 Nassau Ave	7865	7765	100	61.56	30	91.56
62 / 088 / 141	369 Guy Lombardo Ave	8772	8629	143	88.03	30	118.03
62 / 034 / 189	299 Westside Ave	6052	6005	47	28.93	30	58.93
TOTAL Maidenbaum & Sternberg	Taxable AV	79,565	75,788	3,777	\$2,325.15	\$330	\$2,655.15

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 issue corrected tax bills and issue a refund to Long Island Tax Reduction in the amount of \$297.79 and Maidenbaum & Sternberg, LLP in the amount of \$2,655.15.

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The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

It was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Butler 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 Island Property Tax Reduction:

Taxable AV Properties

SCARS 2024 / 2025 Petitioner Property Tax Reduction Consultants	Current 2024 AV Total	2024 AV Awarded @ SCAR	Reduction Amount	Refund (.61561)	Fee (\$30)	Total Refund
Property Tax Reduction Consultants Taxable AV (all properties without exemptions)	265,222	252,635	12,587	\$7,748.68	\$1,140	\$8,888.68
Adjusted to reflect property sale/No Refund Judge Decision Only 62-156- 21			(429)	(\$264.10)	(\$30)	(\$294.10)
Taxable AV	265,222	252,635	12,158	7,484.58	1,110	8,594.58

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Properties with Exemptions@ .5000 Ratio

Property Tax Reduction Consultants Decision (property with Exemption)						
55-212-732	5,500	5,335				
62-186-253	<u>6,880</u>	<u>6,674</u>				
TOTAL	12,380	12,009				
Taxable Exempt Properties Calculated AV						
55-212-732	2,750	2,668	82	50.48	30	80.48
62-186-253	<u>3,440</u>	<u>3,337</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>63.41</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>93.41</u>
TOTAL	6,190	6,005	185	\$113.89	\$60	\$173.89

Exemption amount in 24/25 for 55-212-732 and 62-186-253 -in total was 6,190 that equates to an exemption ratio of .5000. To preserve the exemption ratio, the post-decision exemption amount calculated to 6,004.

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Property with Exemption @ .07536 Ratio

Property Tax Reduction Consultants Decision (property with Exemption) 62-187-806	6,210	6,113				
Exemption Ratio @ .07536 62-187-806	468	461				
Taxable Ratio Exempt Properties Calculated AV 62-187-806	5,742	5,652	90	\$55.40	\$30	\$85.40

Exemption amount in 24/25 for 62-187-806 -in total was 468 that equates to an exemption ratio of .07536. To preserve the exemption ratio, the post-decision exemption amount calculated to 461.

Property Tax Reduction Consultants

List of Properties - Taxable AV

2024 / 2025 S / B / L	Property Address	Current 2024 AV Total	2024 AV Awarded at SCAR	Reduction Amount	Refund (.61561)	Fee (\$30)	Total Refund
36/329/166	106 Maryland Ave	7640	7247	393	241.93	30	271.93
36/536/120	303 N Brookside	7673	7517	156	95.04	30	126.04

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	Ave						
36/537/4	37 Willowbrook Ln	7326	7204	122	75.10	30	105.10
36/K/01/55	548 N Brookside Ave	8250	7636	614	377.98	30	407.98
54/300/205	54 Morton Ave	8118	7398	720	443.24	30	473.24
54/304/82	228 Whaley St	7875	7668	207	127.43	30	157.43
54/307/139	299 Locust Ave	7050	7009	41	25.24	30	55.24
54/318/214	23 Dock Drive	3102	2149	953	586.68	30	616.68
54/321/25	71 Cary Pl	6700	6318	382	235.16	30	265.16
54/336/31	55 Lester Ave	7600	7182	418	257.32	30	287.32
54/338/117	700 S Bayview Ave	6500	6080	420	258.56	30	288.56
54/457/114	81 Maryland Ave	7684	7398	286	175.06	30	206.06
54/460/130	26 Maryland Ave	7182	7063	119	73.26	30	103.26
54/462/30	108 N Brookside Ave	6498	6350	148	91.11	30	121.11
54/052/2	90 Delaware Ave	6669	6512	157	96.65	30	126.65
54/524/42	276 N Brookside Ave	5600	5508	92	56.64	30	86.64
54/055/64	18 Maxson Ave	7100	6923	177	108.96	30	138.96
54/071/33	63 N Bayview Ave	5650	5638	12	7.39	30	37.39

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55/230/276	36 Rosedale Ave	6300	6145	155	95.42	30	125.42
55/245/184	103 Grand Ave	4800	4590	210	129.28	30	159.28
55/497/312	407 Wallace St	6364	6329	35	21.55	30	51.55
55/M/502	172 Prince Ave	6880	6772	108	66.49	30	96.49
62/102/805	770 Guy Lombardo Ave	9135	8359	776	477.71	30	507.71
62/116/4	41 Miller Ave	8760	8230	530	326.27	30	356.27
62/156/21 *Adjusted to reflect sale/no refund	438 Roosevelt Ave	7719	7290	(429)	(264.10)	(30)	(294.10)
62/161/289	237 Atlantic Ave	5955	5886	69	42.48	30	72.48
62/163/355	159 Nassau Ave	7230	6988	242	148.98	30	178.98
62/169/3	187 Ray St	6735	5767	968	595.91	30	625.91
62/196/5	25 2 nd St	7150	6988	162	99.73	30	129.73
62/203/17	23 Ann Drive	7260	6458	802	493.72	30	523.72
62/034/16	163 Westside Ave	7310	7182	128	78.80	30	108.80
62/053/54	20 Smith St	7125	6588	537	330.58	30	360.58
62/055/41	215 Church St	7150	7106	44	27.09	30	57.09
62/061/203	57 West First St	7975	7344	631	388.45	30	418.45
62/063/439	12 West 3 rd St	8716	7636	1080	664.86	30	694.86
62/069/183	92 First St	6970	6815	155	95.42	30	125.42

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62/071/431	213 Branch Ave	5400	5292	108	66.49	30	96.49
62/071/460	260 St. Marks Ave	6071	6070	1	0.62	30	30.62
PTRC AV Taxable		265,222	252,635	12,158	\$7,484.58	\$1,110	\$8,594.58
55/212/732	70 Jesse St	2750	2668	82	50.48	30	80.48
62/186/253	452 Nassau Ave	3440	3337	103	63.41	30	93.41
62/187/806	340 Branch Ave	5742	5652	90	55.40	30	85.40
PTRC Ratio AV TOTAL		11,932	11,657	275	169.29	90	259.29
PTRC Taxable AV Grand Total		277,154	264,292	12,433	\$7,653.87	\$1,200	\$8,853.87

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 issue corrected tax bills and issue a refund to Island Property Tax Reduction Consultants (PTRC) in the amount of \$8,853.87.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

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

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WHEREAS, on May 20, 2024, the Board approved a Consulting Agreement with Continental Economics, Inc. (CE), 16 Entranosa Lane, Edgewood, New Mexico 87015, for a retroactive term from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025, for a not-to-exceed cost of \$7,000; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Electric Utilities is requesting Board approval to enter into a Consulting Agreement with Continental Economics to continue to provide economic consulting services related to the allowed return on equity (ROE) for ConEd’s Schedule 10 and Schedule 19 transmission projects (Docket # ER23-2212-000) and other matters; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Freeport is a member of 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, Continental Economics, Inc., 16 Entranosa Lane, Edgewood, New Mexico 87015, has certain unique skills, abilities and expertise that will be useful to the Incorporated Village of Freeport Electric Utility, in particular expert economic services for a wide range of energy-related matters; and

WHEREAS, CE is an independent contractor ready, willing and able to provide services to the Village for a retroactive term from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026, for a not-to-exceed cost of \$10,000; 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 sign any documentation necessary to effectuate a Consulting Agreement with Continental Economics, Inc., 16 Entranosa Lane, Edgewood, New Mexico 87015, for a retroactive term from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026, for a not-to-exceed cost of \$10,000.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
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It was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Butler that the following resolution be adopted:

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WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Electric Utilities is requesting Board approval for a centralized document imaging system that allow departments to scan and convert paper documents into digital images thereby reducing costs, improving efficiency, enhancing collaboration, and boosting security; and

WHEREAS, the Village’s Information Technology Center has vetted multiple solutions for a centralized document imaging system; and

WHEREAS, from the five (5) quotes received, the lowest quote was submitted by ICC Community Development Solutions, LLC, a reseller of Laserfiche self-hosted subscription site license, 781 Elmgrove Road, Rochester, NY 14624, for a subscription cost of \$11,379.90 for the period from June 16, 2025 through June 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this service shall be charged to Allocation Code 5003 (Budget Lines A168004 542800 (71%), E7815630 578100 (25%), and WE93004 542800 (4%) - Service Contract/Repairs Network) and there are sufficient funds to cover this expenditure; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Board approves that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documentation necessary to effectuate the purchase of a Laserfiche self-hosted subscription site license from ICC Community Development Solutions, LLC, 781 Elmgrove Road, Rochester, NY 14624, for a cost of \$11,379.90, for the period from June 16, 2025 through June 15, 2026.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Martinez, seconded by Trustee Butler 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. 41. Parking prohibited at all times unless otherwise designated.

No person shall park a vehicle within the designated areas in the following streets at any time, or at the times otherwise indicated:

REMOVE:

Colonial Avenue, north side, between North Main Street and Powell Street.

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The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Trustee Butler	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 of Freeport will file an application with the New York State Comptroller seeking the exclusion of \$31,357,166 of outstanding indebtedness as of Fiscal Year Ended February 28, 2025 for the Electric Utility; and

WHEREAS, Section 123(h) of the Local Finance Law requires that notice of the application be published in the local newspaper within fifteen days after filing of the exclusion application with the State Comptroller; and

WHEREAS, the exclusion application has to be filed with the State no later than May 30, 2025; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Village Treasurer, approval be granted to file an application with the New York State Comptroller seeking an exclusion of electric utility indebtedness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer and/or Village Clerk be authorized to publish the required notice of the above-referenced debt exclusion application in the Freeport Herald.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Mayor Kennedy opened the meeting to questions and comments from those present; whereupon there were no public comment slips submitted.

It was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Butler, and unanimously carried that the meeting be closed.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

The meeting was closed at 5:45 P.M.

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Village Clerk

At 5:45 P.M. Mayor Kennedy called the public hearing to order for which a full stenographic record was taken and indicated the purpose of the hearing was to consider a Water Rate Change.

Jennifer Ungar presented eleven (11) exhibits, which were marked into the record and called on Robert Fisenne, Superintendent of Public Works to give an overview of the water rate change.

It was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez 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 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 a Water Rate Change 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.

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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.
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 Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Trustee Butler	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez and unanimously carried to close the Water Rate Change hearing to further evidence and testimony.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor

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Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Trustee Butler	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

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

WHEREAS, due to increased costs of the administration, enforcement, and inspection process associated with the Freeport Water Department, the Department requests that the water rates for metered sales of the Village of Freeport be changed as follows:

<u>In Village</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Service Charge	\$39.00 per quarterly billing cycle	\$39.00 per quarterly billing cycle
First 50,000 gallons	\$2.27 per 1000 gallons	\$2.52 per 1000 gallons
50,001 to 100,000 gallons	\$4.51 per 1000 gallons	\$4.86 per 1000 gallons
100,001 and up	\$5.80 per 1000 gallons	\$6.25 per 1000 gallons
<u>Outside Village</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Service Charge	\$46.80 per quarterly billing cycle	\$46.80 per quarterly billing cycle
First 50,000 gallons	\$2.73 per 1000 gallons	\$3.03 per 1000 gallons
50,001 to 100,000 gallons	\$5.41 per 1000 gallons	\$5.81 per 1000 gallons
100,001 and up	\$6.96 per 1000 gallons	\$7.46 per 1000 gallons

And,

WHEREAS, pursuant to relative case law, the Water Department, through the Department of Public Works, conducted a study to determine if the changes are rationally related to the costs of administration, enforcement and inspection of the Department’s functions, licensing and permitting programs; and,

WHEREAS, such study was presented at the public hearing on May 19, 2025, and placed into the record; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees took comment from the public on the proposed changes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board makes the following findings of facts:

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1. The study conducted by the Water Department demonstrates that the requested increases to metered water rates within the Village of Freeport are rationally related to the costs associated with the administration, enforcement, and inspection of what is the Department’s functions and permitting programs; and,
2. The last increase to water rates was in 2023 and there have been steady expenditure increases within the Water Department’s budget since then

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon such evidence and testimony, the Board of Trustees hereby sets the water rates for metered service within the Village of Freeport as follows:

<u>In Village</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Service Charge	\$39.00 per quarterly billing cycle	\$39.00 per quarterly billing cycle
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The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and unanimously carried to close the meeting.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

The meeting was closed at 5:54 P.M.

Pamela Walsh Boening
Village Clerk

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