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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Freeport was held on Monday, June 2, 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	
Jorge A. Martinez	Deputy Mayor	Excused
Christopher L. Squeri	Trustee	
Evette B. Sanchez	Trustee	
Jacques V. Butler	Trustee	
Howard E. Colton	Village Attorney	
Pamela Walsh Boening	Village Clerk	

At 5:03 P.M., Mayor Kennedy convened in the main conference room and Trustee Sanchez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No residents were present.

At 5:04 P.M., it was moved by Trustee Butler, 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 Martinez	Excused
Trustee Squeri	Not Present
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Trustee Butler	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

At 5:19 P.M. Trustee Squeri entered Executive Session.

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

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Approximately four (4) residents were present.

Trustee Sanchez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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It was moved by Trustee Butler, seconded by Trustee Squeri, and carried to approve the Board of Trustees Minutes of May 19, 2025.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	Excused
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 Butler and carried to retroactively approve the request to hang a banner promoting the Catchers Fish House Grille “Shark Tournament” on S. Main Street between Raynor Street and Archer Street, from May 21, 2025 through June 9, 2025 and that the Electric Department assist in hanging and removing the banner.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	Excused
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 carried to approve the public assembly permit application submitted on behalf of Sparkle on Stage to hold a Pride on the Mile event on Saturday, June 21, 2025 (no rain date) from 10:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. in the municipal lot #30 on Woodcleft Avenue.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	Excused
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 carried to approve the parade and public assembly permit application submitted on behalf of Sparkle on Stage to hold a “Pride on the Mile” parade on Saturday, June 21, 2025 (no rain date) from 1:55 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. on Woodcleft Avenue, starting at Front Street, proceed south on Woodcleft Avenue, to Manhattan Street, west to Ocean Avenue, pending the submission of the proper fees.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	Excused
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Trustee Butler	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 public assembly permit application submitted on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce to hold a Fireworks display on June 28, 2025 (rain date: June 29, 2025), at the Guy Lombardo Marina, starting after dark, pending the submission of the proper insurance and the approval of the Nassau County Police Arson/Bomb Squad.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	Excused
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 carried to approve the public assembly permit application submitted on behalf of Vigilant Hose Company #2 to hold a car show fundraiser on August 24, 2025 (rain date: August 31, 2025) , in municipal lot # 4, from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	Excused
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 Sean M. Cronin, Esq., Cronin & Cronin Law Firm, PLLC:

Year	Current AV	Proposed AV	Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2016/17	54,650	63,030	0	0.62296	\$0.00
2017/18	54,650	59,730	0	0.62296	\$0.00
2018/19	54,650	59,400	0	0.62296	\$0.00
2019/20	54,650	56,760	0	0.62296	\$0.00
2020/21	54,650	56,700	0	0.62296	\$0.00
2021/22	54,650	53,605	1,045	0.62296	\$650.99

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2022/23	54,650	53,250	1,400	0.62296	\$872.14
2023/24	54,650	46,150	8,500	0.61649	\$5,240.17
2024/25	54,650	43,878	10,772	0.61561	\$6,631.35
2025/26	54,650	39,600	15,050	0.61561	\$9,264.93

REFUND \$22,659.58

WHEREAS, these refunds are from grievances to the 2016/2017 through 2024/2025 Final Assessment Rolls 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, is hereby authorized to approve the court-ordered Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) reductions, and authorized the Village Treasurer to issue a corrected tax bill and refund to Sean M. Cronin, Esq., Cronin & Cronin Law Firm, PLLC, in the amount of \$22,659.58.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	Excused
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, on January 22, 2024, the Board approved an agreement between the Village of Freeport Electric Utility and Environmental Laboratories, Inc (ELI), 57 Verdi Street, Farmingdale, New York 11735, for a not to exceed amount of \$15,000 from March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Freeport Electric Utility has requested to enter into a consulting agreement with Environmental Laboratories, Inc, 57 Verdi Street, Farmingdale, New York 11735, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for emissions testing services on Power Plants #1 and 2; and

WHEREAS, these tests are required by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and ELI has done a satisfactory job in the past and its services will be used on an as needed basis; and

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WHEREAS, to date, no funds have been expended on the current contract; and

WHEREAS, since GML §103 does not require a bid for these professional services, the Village may opt to extend the contract without re-bidding the services; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Electric is requesting that the contract be approved for an amount not to exceed \$15,000, for a retroactive term commencing on March 1, 2025, and ending on February 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, these services will be charged to accounts E 7143151 510000, E7143152 510000, and E 7143156 510000 (Regulatory Agency Expenses); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Board hereby approves, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documentation necessary to effectuate an agreement between the Village of Freeport Electric Utility and Environmental Laboratories, Inc. (ELI), 57 Verdi Street, Farmingdale, New York 11735, for an amount not to exceed \$15,000, for a retroactive term commencing on March 1, 2025, and ending on February 28, 2025.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	Excused
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 Freeport Electric Utility has requested to enter into a consulting agreement for engineering consulting services for the Power Plant 2 pre-feasibility study; 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, RM Energy22, LLC, (RME), 5221 Elliott Drive, Hoffman Estates, IL 60192, has certain unique skills, abilities and expertise that will be useful to the Village, in particular conducting a pre-feasibility study of potential power generation options at Power Plant 2; and

WHEREAS, RME is an independent contractor ready, willing and able to provide services to the Village for the period commencing June 2, 2025, and ending February 28, 2026, for a fixed fee of \$49,400.00 for the contracted term; and

WHEREAS, the cost for this service shall be funded through the NYSERDA 5737

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Technical Assistance Grant and there are sufficient funds available to cover this expense; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Board hereby approves, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documentation necessary to effectuate a Consulting Agreement between the Incorporated Village of Freeport and RM Energy22, LLC, (RME), 5221 Elliott Drive, Hoffman Estates, IL 60192, for the period commencing June 2, 2025, and ending February 28, 2026, for a fixed fee of \$49,400.00 for the contracted term.

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Deputy Mayor Martinez	Excused
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:

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2013, the Board of Trustees entered into a five year contract (with an option for a seven year extension) with NYISO regarding the long term transmission rights, wherein the Village purchased thirty-seven (37) Transmission Congestion Contracts (TCCs) at a cost of approximately \$4,136,033.00 annually from NYISO to help hedge against fluctuating congestion charges; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2018, the Board approved an agreement extension between the Village of Freeport and NYISO for the purchase of thirty-seven (37) Transmission Congestion Contracts (TCCs) at the rate of \$4,234,788.01 annually for a seven (7) year term commencing November 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, this agreement protected the Village from fluctuating congestion costs; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Electric Utilities is requesting Board approval to the extension agreement with the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) for the annual purchase of thirty-seven (37) Transmission Congestion Contracts (TCC) at an annual rate of \$2,696,723.99 for the contract period running from November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the cost of these TCCs is collected through the Fuel Adjustment Charge on a monthly basis; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Board approves that the Mayor be is hereby authorized to execute an extension agreement between the Village of Freeport and NYISO for the purchase

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of thirty-seven (37) Transmission Congestion Contracts (TCCs) at an annual rate of \$2,696,723.99 for the contract period running from November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026.

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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, in October 2018, through a capital plan, the Village of Freeport procured licenses for Microsoft products including Office 2019 and SQL Server 2019; and

WHEREAS, these applications served the Village well, however, they are currently reaching or have reached their end of life; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2025, the Board approved the SEQRA and Bond Resolution for the acquisition of computer hardware and software not to exceed \$177,870; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Electric Utilities is requesting Board approval for the purchase of the updated Microsoft license/software from Dell Technologies, the NYS authorized Microsoft Contract vendor, One Dell Way, Mail Stop 8129, Round Rock, TX 78682, for the cost of \$90,341.25; and

WHEREAS, these services shall be charged to Capital Allocation codes H199702 523500, E110000 WO#2540, WE107150142 and there are sufficient funds available in these accounts to cover this cost; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Board approves, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any documentation necessary for the purchase of the updated Microsoft license/software from Dell Technologies, One Dell Way, Mail Stop 8129, Round Rock, TX 78682, for the cost of \$90,341.25.

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Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

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Motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Butler and carried to approve the recommendation of the Freeport Fire Council and that membership be granted to Dutch Eldridge, Hose Co. #1.

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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 carried to approve the recommendation of the Freeport Fire Council and that membership be granted to Anthony Villalobos, Hose Co. #4.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	Excused
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 Board authorized the Village Clerk to publish a Notice to Bidders for the “Purchase of Cooling Towers Casing Assembly”; and

WHEREAS, seven (7) bids were distributed and one (1) bid was received on May 13, 2025 for the referenced purchase contract; and

WHEREAS, the sole responsible bidder was submitted by Imeco Parts, DBA Thermal Equipment Salts, 416 Hampton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 115221, in the amount of \$150,500.00; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project will come from a capital account - (H719702 522160); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Works, the Board hereby approves, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to award the contract for the “Purchase of Cooling Towers Casing Assembly” to Imeco Parts, DBA Thermal Equipment Salts, 416 Hampton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 115221, in the amount of \$150,500.00.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	Excused
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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, Arya Roopnarine Inc. d/b/a Freeport Kayak Rentals, 33 Waterview Place, Lynbrook, New York 11563, has need for use of Waterfront Park, within the Village of Freeport, in order to launch their kayaks for guided tours of the adjacent waterways; and

WHEREAS, the lease between the Village of Freeport, Landlord, and Freeport Kayak, Tenant, will be for a retroactive term from June 1, 2025 to September 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the lease rights to the use of Waterfront Park is restricted to Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for a rent of \$700 per month; and

WHEREAS, Freeport Kayak shall pay a per-diem rate of \$87.50 per day for the first weekend in September; and

WHEREAS, a security deposit of \$1,100 to secure the faithful performance by Tenant during all terms of the lease and to be returned to Tenant as specified in the lease; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Village Attorney, the Board hereby approves, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Freeport Kayak Rentals, 33 Waterview Place, Lynbrook, New York 11563, for a monthly rent of \$700, for a retroactive lease term from June 1, 2025 to September 7, 2025; a per-diem rate of \$87.50 per day for the first weekend in September 2025; and a security deposit of \$1,100 to secure the faithful performance by Tenant during all terms of the lease and to be returned to Tenant as specified in the lease.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	Excused
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 of Freeport wishes to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Friendship Engine and Hose Co of the Merrick Fire Department (Friendship), 2075 Meadowbrook Road, Merrick, NY 11566; and

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WHEREAS, this Agreement is to provide space for Friendship located at 63 Babylon Turnpike, Freeport, NY 11520, during the construction of their new firehouse; and

WHEREAS, the space will be used for the storage and response of fire apparatus and personnel; and

WHEREAS, Friendship agrees to pay the Village of Freeport a month-to-month fee of \$10,000 retroactive to March 1, 2025 and continuing until the completion of the construction of Friendship's firehouse repairs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Village Attorney, the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Friendship Engine and Hose Co of the Merrick Fire Department (Friendship), 2075 Meadowbrook Road, Merrick, NY 11566, for a monthly fee of \$10,000 retroactive to March 1, 2025 and continuing until the completion of the construction of Friendship's firehouse repairs.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

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It was moved by Trustee Squeri, 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.

ADD

Lexington Avenue, north side, beginning at the curbline of Park Avenue and continuing east for a distance of 218 feet, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., except Saturday and Sunday.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	Excused
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 carried that the meeting be closed.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

The meeting was closed at 5:43 P.M.

Pamela Walsh Boening
Village Clerk