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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Freeport was held on Monday, June 30, 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	
Christopher L. Squeri	Trustee	
Evette B. Sanchez	Trustee	Excused
Jacques V. Butler	Trustee	

Howard E. Colton	Village Attorney
Pamela Walsh Boening	Village Clerk

At 5:00 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 5:01 P.M., it was moved by Trustee Butler, seconded by Deputy Mayor Martinez and carried to adjourn this portion of the Legislative Meeting and return to the Mayor’s Conference Room to continue in Executive Session to discuss one (1) Real Estate matter.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

At 5:02 P.M. Trustee Squeri entered Executive Session.

At 5:28 P.M., motion was made by Deputy Mayor Martinez, seconded by Trustee Butler and carried to reconvene in Legislative Session.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

No residents were present.

Trustee Butler led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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It was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Butler, and carried to approve the Board of Trustees Minutes of June 16, 2025.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Butler and carried to approve the request to hang a banner promoting the “Freeport Offshore Grand Prix” offshore boat race, from July 1, 2025 through July 14, 2025, on S. Main Street between Raynor Street and Archer Street.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Trustee Butler, seconded by Deputy Mayor Martinez and carried to approve the request to hang two banners promoting the August 9th Freeport Tuna Club “Fluke Tournament” from July 25, 2025 through August 10, 2025, on S. Main Street between Raynor Street and Archer Street.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and carried to approve the public assembly permit application submitted on behalf of OPA Racing LLC to hold an event from July 10, 2025 through July 13, 2025 at Cow Meadow Park for the July 13, 2025 off shore boat races.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

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Motion was made by Trustee Butler, seconded by Trustee Squeri and carried to approve the parade and public assembly permit application submitted on behalf of OPA Racing LLC to hold a parade on July 12, 2025, from 5:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M., beginning at Cow Meadow Park, proceed north on S. Main, west on Atlantic Avenue, south on Guy Lombardo Avenue, west on Front Street, south on Woodcleft Avenue, west on Richmond Road, ending at Seabreeze Park.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and carried to approve the block party permit application for Saturday, July 19, 2025 (rain date: July 26, 2025), from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., on Davis Street from King Street to the dead end; with a reminder to those in attendance that the Village has an “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..

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Trustee Butler, seconded by Trustee Squeri and carried to approve the block party permit application for Saturday, July 19, 2025 (rain date: August 9, 2025), from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., on Norton Street between Guy Lombardo Avenue and Hudson Avenue; with a reminder to those in attendance that the Village has an “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.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	Excused
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 Iglesia Principe de Paz, for August 8th and 9th, from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., and August 10th from 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., in municipal lot #12.

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

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and carried to approve the block party permit application for Saturday, August 2, 2025 (rain date: August 16, 2025) from 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., on Lexington Avenue between Madison Avenue and Park Avenue; with a reminder to those in attendance that the Village has an “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.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Butler and carried to approve the parade and public assembly permit application submitted on behalf of the 9/11 Neighborhood Memorial to hold a ceremony from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., at the Bayview Avenue Traffic Circle.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	Excused
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 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 Final Assessment Rolls; and

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S / B / L	Address	Exemption Code	Exemption Amount	Reason
62 / 050 / 7	36 Stillwell Pl	41800 - Senior	2024 – 1,675 2025 – 1,675	Property Sold 1 / 31 / 2025
55 / 214 / 17	286 Grand Ave	41930 - Disability & Limited Income	2025 – 2,730	Property Sold 6 / 12 / 2025
62 / 128 / 15	131 Rose St	41121 – Veteran – Non - Combat	2025 - 439	Property Sold 5 / 29 / 2025

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 Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	Excused
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, permission from the Village Attorney’s Office is requested from the Board to correct a previously approved settlement for Cronin & Cronin Law Firm, PLLC; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2025, the Board approved a tax certiorari settlement for Cronin & Cronin Law Firm, PLLC, however, in the resolution, the settlement was inadvertently referred to as a small claims assessment reduction (SCAR); and

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

Petitioner Attorney: **Sean M. Cronin, Esq.**
Cronin & Cronin Law Firm, PLLC

Petitioner: Cindy Ajaonu

Property Addressess 3-25 North Main Street
55 / 264 / 60

Total Refund: 2016/2017 to 2025/2026 – Total Refund: **\$22,659.58**– Total AV: **39,600** going forward 2026/2027, 2027/2028, and 2028/2029.

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the above-listed tax certiorari settlement be approved and that the Assessor is hereby authorized to adjust the 2016/2017 through the 2025/2026 Final Assessment Rolls and that the Treasurer be approved to issue said refund for the amounts cited hereinabove, for a total of \$22,659.58.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor

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Trustee Sanchez	Excused
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 New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) requires an internal fuel tank inspection at Power Plant 2 every five years; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry out the inspection, the Village tank holding approximately 138,000 gallons of kerosene must be emptied; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Electric Utilities is requesting Board approval for the rental contract of eight (8) fuel tanks to hold the kerosene for one (1) month to accommodate the inspection process; 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, United Rentals Fluid Solutions, 25 & 45 Brook Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729, is a branch of United Rentals (North America), Inc., that has a New York State Contract Pricing for Heavy Equipment Rental under Group 72007-23182 – Vendor #PS69121; and

WHEREAS, this company has the required tanks available for rental and the specialized services needed to prevent fuel contamination; and

WHEREAS, the rental cost of eight (8) fuel tanks and associated services by United Rentals for the DEC fuel tank inspection is \$43,720.00; and

WHEREAS, the cost for this service shall be funded through E 110000, WO 2547 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 of Trustees hereby approves, and the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to effectuate any and all documentation necessary to approve the rental contract of eight (8) fuel tanks and associated services by United Rentals Fluid Solutions, 25 & 45 Brook Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729, for a cost of \$43,720.00.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	Excused
Trustee Butler	In Favor

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Mayor Kennedy

In Favor

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri and carried to approve the recommendation of the Freeport Fire Council and that membership be granted to Gilbert Rosario, Emergency Co. #9.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	Excused
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 Attorney’s Office is requesting Board approval for the Freeport Exempts Fireman’s Association the use of a village tow vehicle for transport of the Freeport Fire Department antique fire apparatus “Jumbo” to parades and musters of the 2025 season; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Freeport Garage has no objection to this request; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Freeport Exempt Fireman’s Association is to provide the public access and an opportunity to learn about the history of the Freeport Fire Department, by displaying “Jumbo”, Freeport’s oldest fire truck; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees deems it beneficial to the Village of Freeport to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, the Freeport Exempt Fireman’s Association requires the use of a Village tow vehicle as in past procedure to transport “Jumbo” to the following muster(s) and/or parade(s):

1. Antique Muster at Nassau County Firefighters Museum, Uniondale
Departure: August 23, 2025
Return: August 23, 2025

WHEREAS, the tow vehicle will be handled by a Freeport Fire Department qualified driver as required; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approve the use of a Village tow vehicle for the transport of “Jumbo” as listed hereinabove.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works is requesting the Board to authorize the Village Clerk to advertise a Notice to Bidders for the “Guy Lombardo Marina Bulkhead Reconstruction Project”; and

WHEREAS, under this project, approximately 550 linear feet of bulkhead will be replaced in the Guy Lombardo Marina; and

WHEREAS, said procurement of said project requires the use of competitive bidding as necessitated by General Municipal Law §103 and the Village’s Procurement Policy; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for this project is \$440,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project will come from a bond resolution which was authorized by the Village Board of Trustees on February 26, 2024, for \$446,250.00; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Works, the Village Clerk be and hereby is authorized to publish a Notice to Bidders for the “Guy Lombardo Marina Bulkhead Reconstruction Project” in the Freeport Herald and other relevant publications of general circulation on July 3, 2025, with bid documents available from July 7, 2025, through July 18, 2025, with a return date of July 22, 2025.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	Excused
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 Freeport Recreation Center needs an individual to teach different sports classes for the summer camp program; and

WHEREAS, Lee Schreiber, 340 Bedell Street, Freeport, NY 11520, is an individual who is licensed and qualified to provide these services and teach these classes; and

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

WHEREAS, the contract is for a retroactive term from June 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$50.00 for a not to exceed amount of \$3,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funding for this service comes out of account A714004 545700 (Non-Employee Salaries); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Recreation Center Manager, the Board hereby approves, and the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute a Personal Services Agreement renewal with Lee Schreiber, 340 Bedell Street, Freeport, NY 11520, for a retroactive term from June 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$50.00 for a not to exceed amount of \$3,000.00.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

WHEREAS, the Village Attorney is requesting Board approval to enter into a Master Services Agreement for auditing and review of legal bills; 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, Bottomline, d/b/a Legal Share Holdings, LLC, (LSH), a Delaware limited liability company with its headquarters at 8125 Sedgwick Way, Memphis, TN 38125, is an independent contractor ready, willing and able to provide services to the Village; and

WHEREAS, this contract would run initially for a thirty-six (36) month contract beginning as of the date the contract is signed, and may be terminated by the Village at any time upon 30 days' written notice; and

WHEREAS, funding for LSH will be from account A193104 545500 and there are sufficient funds to cover this expense; and

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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 a Master Services Agreement with Bottomline, d/b/a Legal Share Holdings, LLC, (LSH), a Delaware limited liability company with its headquarters at 8125 Sedgwick Way, Memphis, TN 38125, for a thirty-six (36) month contract beginning as of the date the contract is signed, and may be terminated by the Village at any time upon 30 days' written notice.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

CLERK'S NOTE: Item 7 (b) - The request to declare the property known as and by Section 54, Block 073, Lot 126 and part of Section 54, Block 073, Lot 50, a/k/a 220 W. Sunrise Highway (excluding the Administration Building and Hose Co. #4) as surplus and enter into an "as is" contract of sale between the Village of Freeport and Blueprint Community Development LLC, in the amount of \$7,300,000" was removed from the agenda.

Mayor Kennedy opened the meeting to questions and comments from those present; whereupon there was no verbal response or slips submitted to the Board.

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

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

The meeting was closed at 5:38 P.M.

Pamela Walsh Boening
Village Clerk