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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Freeport was held on Monday, July 28, 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          | Excused |
| 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 Butler led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sixteen (16) residents were present.

At 5:00 P.M., it was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Butler 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:

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

At 5:30 P.M., motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Butler and 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       | Excused  |
| Trustee Butler        | In Favor |
| Mayor Kennedy         | In Favor |

Approximately five (5) residents were present.

Deputy Mayor Martinez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Butler, and carried to approve the Board of Trustees Minutes of July 14, 2025.

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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 Deputy Mayor Martinez, and carried to approve the Board of Trustees Dangerous/Nuisance Minutes of July 14, 2025.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Martinez, seconded by Trustee Butler and carried to approve the Parade and Public Assembly permit application submitted on behalf of Catholic Charities to hold a Breastfeeding Awareness Walk on August 1, 2025, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., beginning at 333 N. Main Street proceeding south on N. Main Street, west on W. Seaman Avenue, north on N. Long Beach Avenue, east on Craig Street, south on N. Main Street, ending at 333 N. Main 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 Squeri, seconded by Trustee Butler and carried to approve the block party permit application submitted by Sheryl Montour, to hold a block party on Saturday, August 2, 2025 (rain date: September 6, 2025) from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Maryland Avenue between W. Seaman Avenue and Maxson 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

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Mayor Kennedy

In Favor

Motion was made by Trustee Butler, seconded by Deputy Mayor Martinez and carried to approve the Carnival/Festival Public Assembly permit application submitted on behalf of Back Up Entertainment to hold a roller-skating event on August 9, 2025, from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., at Cow Meadow Park, in the Plum Section.

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 Deputy Mayor Martinez 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 / 093 / 878	563 Guy Lombardo Ave	41121 – Veteran Wartime / Non Combat	Veteran 2025 - 439	Property Sold 6 / 6 / 2025

**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.

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 Squeri that the following resolution be adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the Electric Department is requesting Board approval to purchase two (2) 2025 Chevy Equinox EVs for the Electric Department; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were solicited through New York State Department of General Services Mini Bid 23155 #25-04-ELEC-740; and

**WHEREAS**, for this bid, the Village received no response; and

**WHEREAS**, however, the Department was able to obtain competitively priced vehicles from East Hills Chevrolet, 42 East Sunrise Highway, Freeport, NY 11520, at a cost of \$31,064.43 each, for a total of \$62,128.86; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village will be eligible for a \$7,500.00 "tax credit" from the IRS under the Commercial Clean Vehicle Credit IRC §45W; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for this purchase will come from the Electric Department's Energy Efficiency Fund (E110000 WO #564; E155 121987 Class #217); and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the purchase of two (2) 2025 Chevy Equinox EVs from East Hills Chevrolet, 42 East Sunrise Highway, Freeport, NY 11520, for a total of \$62,128.86.

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 recommendation of the Freeport Fire Council and that membership be granted to Helberth Guerra Sandoval, Truck Co #1.

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

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

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 recommendation of the Freeport Fire Council and that membership be granted to Jeffrey Portillo, Engine Co. # 1.

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 Butler and carried to approve the recommendation of the Freeport Fire Council and that membership be granted to William Nolan, Hose Co. #3.

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 recommendation of the Freeport Fire Council and that membership be granted to Ronald Adams, Hose Co. # 3.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

Deputy Mayor Martinez	In Favor
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 Butler and carried to approve the recommendation of the Freeport Fire Council and that membership be granted to Steven Dmuchowski, Hose Co. #3.

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 5(a) The request for the extension of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Freeport and the Freeport PBA effective upon ratification through February 28, 2033 was pulled from the agenda.

It was moved by Trustee Butler, seconded by Deputy Mayor Martinez 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:**

A131504 545700 NON-EMPLOYEE SALARIES \$2,400.00

**TO:**

A131504 545300 SCHOOLS AND SEMINARS \$2,400.00

**WHEREAS,** the purpose of the above transfer is to appropriate the necessary funding to cover the 4-day NYCOM Fall Training School for City and Village Officials to be held at Conference Center at Lake Placid, 2608 Main Street, Lake Placid, NY 12946 from September 15-19, 2025; 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 Martinez	In Favor
Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	Excused
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:

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Public Works is requesting Board approval for engineering services for an Iron Removal Study for the Prince Avenue Wellfield; and

**WHEREAS**, the wells at the Prince Avenue Well field are producing water with an unacceptable level of iron; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village currently utilizes sodium hexametaphosphate to sequester iron, however the level of iron from this plant exceeds the ability of the sequestering agent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Water Department is therefore seeking a consultant to provide a cost estimate for a study for iron removal at the site as well as investigate other options for the water system; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Village received three quotes for Professional Services for this work; and

**WHEREAS**, one quote was from D&B Engineers and Architects, 330 Crossways Park Drive, Woodbury, New York, 11797, for engineering services for the preparation of a study to determine the optimum course of action for the Water Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the services will be for the cost of \$18,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the design portion of the engineering services will come from capital account that was set up for this study. (WE107 150136); 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 effectuate engineering services with D&B Engineers and Architects, 330 Crossways Park Drive, Woodbury, New York, 11797, for the cost of \$18,000.00.

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

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Mayor Kennedy opened the meeting to questions and comments from those present. Residents voiced the following concerns; whereupon there was no verbal response from those present or comment slips submitted.

It was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Deputy Mayor Martinez, 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 5:45 P.M.

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Pamela Walsh Boening  
Village Clerk

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