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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Freeport was held on Monday, October 7, 2024 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 |
| Ronald Ellerbe | Deputy Mayor |
| Jorge A. Martinez | Trustee |
| Christopher L. Squeri | Trustee |
| Evette B. Sanchez | Trustee |
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| Howard E. Colton | Village Attorney |
| Michael J. Smith | Chief of Police |
| Pamela Walsh Boening | Village Clerk |

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

No residents were present.

At 5:04 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:

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

At 5:07 P.M. Deputy Mayor Ellerbe entered Executive Session.

At 5:29 P.M., motion was made by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Martinez and unanimously carried to reconvene in Legislative Session.

The Clerk polled the Board as follows:

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

Approximately six (6) residents were present.

Deputy Mayor Ellerbe led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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It was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez, and unanimously carried to approve the Board of Trustees Minutes of September 23, 2024.

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

It was moved by Trustee Squeri, seconded by Trustee Sanchez, and unanimously carried to approve the Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2024.

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

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

WHEREAS, Lorraine Barry has requested an honorary name change to the corner at South Bergen Place and Pine Street, changing the name to “Rita Carter Way”; and

WHEREAS, this honor is bestowed in memory of Rita Carter; and

WHEREAS, Rita Carter was a resident of Freeport for 40 years and has held the following organizations and positions in Freeport:

- Freeport Historical Society & Museum
- Arts Council
- House Tours
- “Dollars for Scholars”
- Educator for 35 years
- Freeport elementary school student exchange program for 10 years
- NYPTA Freeport Founder’s Day Award

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to recognize and honor Rita Carter for her dedication to the Freeport community, and her family and friends through the honorary name change to the corner at South Bergen Place and Pine Street, changing the name to “Rita Carter Way”; a symbolic gesture, which will preserve the memory of all she has done for this community; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the corner at South Bergen Place and Pine Street, be granted the honorary name, “Rita Carter Way”.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Freeport Electric Department requires the purchase of 19% aqueous ammonia to run the LM6000 at Power Plant 2; and

WHEREAS, procurement of the ammonia requires the use of competitive bidding under General Municipal Law §103 and the Village’s Procurement Policy; and

WHEREAS, the contract shall be for two (2) years with an option to extend on an annual or monthly basis as best meets the needs for the Village, not to exceed one (1) additional year; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this product will be charged to Account E7143316 510000 – LM6000 Production Supplies and there are sufficient funds available for this expense; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Electric Utility, the Village Clerk be and hereby is authorized to publish a Notice to Bidders, for the “Furnishing of Aqueous Ammonia”, Bid# 24-11-ELEC-716 in the Freeport Herald and other relevant publications of general circulation on October 10, 2024, with bid specifications available from October 15, 2024 to November 8, 2024, with a return date of November 12, 2024.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Electric Department is requesting the Board to authorize the Village

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Clerk to advertise a Notice for Request for Proposals for the “Furnishing of Electrical Engineering Services to Freeport Electric”, RFP #24-11-ELEC-717; and

WHEREAS, the request for proposals is for developers and associated engineering firms to participate with Freeport Electric in the development of the following projects: renewable energy projects and various overhead, underground and fiber optics upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the specifications cover services for a period of one (1) year, with an option at the Village’s discretion to extend the term for one (1) additional year; and

WHEREAS, the cost of these services shall be charged to various accounts including E7411020 574000 and E7414204 574000; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Electric Utilities, the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to publish a Notice for Request for Proposals for the “Furnishing of Electrical Engineering Services to Freeport Electric”, RFP #24-11-ELEC-71, in the Freeport Herald and other relevant publications of general circulation on October 10, 2024, with bid specifications available from October 15, 2024 to November 8, 2024, with a return date of November 8, 2024.

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

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

WHEREAS, the State of New York, under the Police Traffic Services Grant (PTS) program, has offered the Village of Freeport a grant award in order to defray the costs incurred for police overtime associated with a seat belt compliance and dangerous driving related violations; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the agreement the Village of Freeport will receive the sum of \$19,500.00 from the State of New York, to be used toward these overtime costs with no matching funds from the Village; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documentation necessary to effectuate a Contract for Grants from the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) between the Village of Freeport and the State of New York, for a retroactive term beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025, for an amount of \$19,500.00 from the State of New York, to be used toward these overtime costs with no matching funds from the Village.

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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 Martinez that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works is requesting the Board to authorized the Village Clerk to advertise a Notice to Bidders for the “Demolition of Residential Houses”; and

WHEREAS, the project calls for the demolition of the following residences that are in a state of disrepair and are now considered nuisance buildings:

- 170 Whaley Street
- 188 Independence Avenue
- 313 Nassau Avenue
- 122 Sportsmans Avenue

WHEREAS, 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 \$150,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project will come from the Village General Fund (Account # A149004 540130); the Village will bill the property owner for all work performed along with an administrative fee, not to exceed ten percent of the cost of the work performed; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Works, the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to publish a Notice to Bidders for the “Demolition of Residential Houses” in the Freeport Herald and other relevant publications of general circulation on October 10, 2024, with bid documents available from October 15, 2024 through October 25, 2024, with a return date of October 29, 2024.

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

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

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2024, the Board approved the agreement for the “Movies by the Meadow” in Cow Meadow Park with The Long Island Motion Pictures Arts Center & Museum, P.O. Box 513, Oceanside, New York 11572, for (4) four Thursday night movies for a total cost of \$6,780.00; and

WHEREAS, the Manager of the Freeport Recreation Center is requesting Board approval to extend the contract with The Long Island Motion Picture Arts Center & Museum; P.O. Box 513, Oceanside, New York 11572; and

WHEREAS, LI Motion Picture Arts Center & Museum will provide outdoor movie equipment and film licensing for one additional community movie night, on a Saturday evening, at Cow Meadow Park; and

WHEREAS, for this extension, the vendor will provide:

- 1- One (1) Saturday evening movie event at Cow Meadow Park on Saturday, October 26th (rain date scheduled for Sunday, October 27th). The VOF will choose a family friendly Halloween movie.
- 2- The contracted vendor will provide movie broadcasting equipment that includes; 35 ft. inflatable screen, HD projector, audio sound system, projectionist, crew for set-up & breakdown, and silent Honda generators.
- 3- The Long Island Motion Picture Arts Center & Museum has already provided a Certificate of Insurance for \$2,000,000, listing the Incorporated Village of Freeport as additionally insured.

WHEREAS, the cost to the Village will be \$1,695.00 for the event; and

WHEREAS, funds will be dispersed from the Village account A641004 546600, Publicity – Promotion Expense; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Manager of the Freeport Recreation Center, the Board approves and the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents to extend the contract for the “Movies by the Meadow” in Cow Meadow Park with The Long Island Motion Pictures Arts Center & Museum, P.O. Box 513, Oceanside, New York 11572, for one additional community movie night, on a Saturday evening, at Cow Meadow Park, for the cost of \$1,695.00.

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

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

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**VILLAGE OF FREEPORT
RESOLUTION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeport has entered into a project for the codification of local laws, ordinances and certain resolutions of the Village of Freeport for the purposes of increasing the effectiveness of village governmental administration, providing for greater public awareness of and access to village legislation and protecting the health, safety and welfare of village inhabitants; and

WHEREAS the proposed codification has been published in loose-leaf form and the Board of Trustees now desires to formally effect the adoption of said codification by enactment of a local law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held by the Board of Trustees with respect to enactment of the following local law, such public hearing to be held on the 21st day of October, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., in the Municipal Building, Village of Freeport, New York. The proposed local law to be considered is as follows:

LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2024

A LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION OF THE LOCAL LAWS, ORDINANCES AND CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF FREEPORT INTO A MUNICIPAL CODE TO BE DESIGNATED THE “CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FREEPORT”

Copies of the text of the above-named local law shall be filed in the office of the Village Clerk.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to cause public notice of said hearing to be given in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Open Meetings Law and the Village Law of the State of New York.

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

WHEREAS, the upcoming Village Election will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, the Clerk’s office is requesting Board approval for the services of the Village Attorney’s Office, as Election Counsel, as well as Martin Connor, Esq., 61 Pierrepont St., Apt. 71, Brooklyn, NY 11201-2434, for all proceedings and requirements pertaining to the March 18, 2025 Village Election; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Village Clerk, the Board approves and that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized for the services of the Village Attorney’s Office, as Election Counsel, as well as Martin Connor, Esq., 61 Pierrepont St., Apt. 71, Brooklyn, NY 11201-2434, for all proceedings and requirements pertaining to the March 18, 2025 Village Election.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Village Treasurer is requesting Board authorization to cancel the Bank of America credit card from a former department head, issue a new Bank of America credit card to a newly appointed department head, and increase the credit limit on the Bank of America card held by a current department head; and

WHEREAS, these changes are as follows:

Department	Cancel Card for:
Electric Utility	Anthony Fiore

Department	Issue	Credit limit
Electric Utility	Eric Rosmarin	\$5,000

Department	Cardholder	Credit Increase from
Police Department	Michael Smith	\$500 to \$1,000

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves this request and that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to sign any and all documentation necessary with the Bank of America credit cards and department heads as listed above.

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Trustee Martinez	In Favor

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Trustee Squeri	In Favor
Trustee Sanchez	In Favor
Mayor Kennedy	In Favor

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Ellerbe, seconded by Trustee Squeri, and unanimously 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 5:40 P.M.

Pamela Walsh Boening
Village Clerk

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