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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Freeport was held on Monday, May 5, 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 |
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| Howard E. Colton | Village Attorney |
| Pamela Walsh Boening | Village Clerk |

At 5:11 P.M., Mayor Kennedy convened in the main conference room and Deputy Mayor Martinez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Two (2) residents were present.

At 5:12 P.M., it was moved by Trustee Squeri, 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 5:38 P.M., motion was made by Deputy Mayor Martinez, 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 April 21, 2025.

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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 |

Motion was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Butler and carried to retroactively approve the Parade and Public Assembly Permit application submitted on behalf of the Freeport Public Schools to hold a Peace Walk on May 3, 2025 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M., assembling at the Freeport High School, proceeding east on Pine Street, south on Bayview Avenue, west on Merrick Road, north on Brookside Avenue ending at the Freeport High School.

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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 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 2023/2024, 2024/2025, and 2025/2026 Final Assessment Rolls; and

| S / B / L | Address | Exemption Code | Exemption Amount | Reason |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 54 / 458 / 225 | 58 Maryland Ave | 41121- Veteran Non-Combat | 2025 – 439 | Property Sold 3/18/2025 |
| 62 / 159 / 491 | 499 S Long Beach Ave | 41101 Veteran 41800 Senior | 41101 - 2023 – 300 41800 - 2023 – 2,519 41101 - 2024 – 300 41800 -2024 – 2,519 41101 - 2025 – 300 41800 - 2025 - 2,519 | Property Sold 12/19/2023 |

WHEREAS, the Assessor reviewed the application and made the recommendation that

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the exemption be removed from the 2023/2024, 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 2023/2024, 2024/2025, and 2025/2026 Final Assessment Rolls 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 Deputy Mayor Martinez, seconded by Trustee Squeri that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Incorporated Village of Freeport seeks to provide its residents with a community movie night entitled “Movies by the Meadow” at Cow Meadow Park on various evenings; and

WHEREAS, these events will be facilitated by a full service outdoor/indoor movie event company called The Long Island Motion Pictures Arts Center & Museum, P.O. Box 513, Oceanside, New York 11572, who will provide outdoor movie equipment and film licensing; and

WHEREAS, The Long Island Motion Pictures Arts Center & Museum will provide:

1- Four (4) Friday evening movie events at Cow Meadow Park during summer 2025, (rain date weather guarantee included). The VOF will choose four (4) family-friendly movies.

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 will provide a Certificate of Insurance for \$2,000,000, listing the Incorporated Village of Freeport as additionally insured.

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WHEREAS, the cost to the Village will be \$1,695.00 per evening, and the total cost for the four (4) events will be \$6,780.00; 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 is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents to effectuate 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 Friday night movies, for a total cost of \$6,780.00.

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

WHEREAS, the Annual Nautical Festival on Woodcleft Avenue is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to provide children’s amusement park rides for the Nautical Festival in the parking lot adjacent to the museum on Woodcleft Avenue; and

WHEREAS, S&S Amusements Inc., 201-B Freeman Avenue, Islip, NY 11751, is a company that is qualified to provide amusement rides for the Nautical Mile Festival; and

WHEREAS, S&S Amusements will pay the Village the sum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the gross ride receipts revenue; and

WHEREAS, S&S Amusements will provide a current Certificate of Insurance, and the policy will be for \$2,000,000 and will list the Village as additionally insured; and

WHEREAS, the rides will be in operation on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, S&S Amusements will begin the breakdown process with all rides and events at 9:00 PM, on Saturday, June 7, 2025; and all rides/equipment will be removed by Monday, June 9, 2025; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approve and the Mayor be and hereby is permitted to execute any documentation necessary to enter into an agreement between the Village of Freeport and S&S Amusements Inc., 201-B Freeman Avenue, Islip, NY 11751, for the 2025 Nautical Mile Festival, from June 7, 2025 until June 9, 2025.

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 |

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Freeport is sponsoring its annual “Nautical Festival” on June 7, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has decided that the following road closures are necessary from 10 AM until 8 PM in order to ensure a safe and orderly festival, especially in the event an emergency response is required during the event:

Woodcleft Avenue, between Front Street and Manhattan Street
 South Ocean Avenue from Ray Street south to Suffolk Street
 Front Street between Miller and Guy Lombardo Avenue
 Cedar Street between Miller and Guy Lombardo Avenue
 Adams Street between Woodcleft and Miller Avenue
 Hamilton Street between Woodcleft and Miller Avenue
 Suffolk Street between Woodcleft and Miller Avenue
 Carmen Street, between Guy Lombardo and South Ocean Avenue

WHEREAS, the following temporary parking restrictions have been determined to be necessary in order to allow unencumbered emergency access to festival events in the event an emergency response is necessary:

Guy Lombardo Avenue, no west side parking from Cedar Street to the foot of Guy Lombardo Avenue.

WHEREAS, the following designated flow of traffic has been determined to be necessary in order to facilitate a safe and orderly festival:

Traffic on Guy Lombardo Avenue south of Front Street will be modified as needed.

WHEREAS, these road closures, parking restrictions and flow of traffic designations will be effective June 7, 2025 only; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the preceding road closures, parking restrictions and flow of traffic designations be and hereby are approved and in effect for June 7, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM for the Nautical Festival.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Freeport, by virtue of the authority invested by law, shall conduct a public hearing to be duly held on the 19th day of May 2025, at 5:30 P.M., to consider a Water Rate Change in the Village of Freeport.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing notice of public hearing shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Freeport, and published in the Freeport Leader and a printed copy thereof posted conspicuously in at least three (3) public places in the Incorporated Village of Freeport, Nassau County, New York.

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF NASSAU, VILLAGE OF FREEPORT, ss: I, PAMELA WALSH BOENING, Clerk of the Village of Freeport, Nassau County, New York, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of said notice duly authorized by the Board of Trustees of the said Village at a meeting of the Said Board of Trustees, calling for a public hearing to be duly held in the Main Conference Room of the Municipal Building of the Village of Freeport, 46 N. Ocean Avenue, Freeport, New York on the 19th day of May 2025 at 5:30 P.M., and of the whole thereof, as entered upon the minutes of the proceedings of the said Board kept by me as Village Clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said Village this 5th day of May 2025.

Pamela Walsh Boening
Village Clerk

Dated: Freeport, New York
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| 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 |

At 5:30 P.M. Mayor Kennedy called the public hearing to order for which a full stenographic record was taken and indicated that the purpose of the hearing was to consider an amendment to Chapter 86 entitled Building Construction.

Jennifer Ungar, Deputy Village Attorney entered eight (8) exhibits into the record and continued with the hearing.

It was moved by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Butler 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 an amendment to Chapter 86 Building Construction, Article II, entitled “Administrative Provisions” Section 86-7A(1); 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.
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.

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- 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.

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| 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 hearing to further evidence and testimony.

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

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

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A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 86, ARTICLE II, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS” SECTION 86-7A(1).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FREEPORT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Chapter 86 Article II, §86-7A(1) which reads as follows, is hereby repealed:

§86-7 Issuance of Permits

A. Approval of applications

(1) It shall be the duty of the superintendent of buildings (or their designee) to examine applications for permits or amendments thereto within a reasonable time after filing.

Section 2. Chapter 86 Article II, §86-7A(1) which reads as follows, is hereby adopted:

§86-7 Issuance of Permits

A. Approval of applications

(1) It shall be unlawful to construct any structure or any part thereof or any plumbing until the application required by Section 86-6, Applications for permits, shall have been approved by the Superintendent of Buildings and a written permit issued. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Buildings (or their designee) to examine applications for permits or amendments thereto within a reasonable time after filing. If, upon examination, it appears that the proposed work will be in compliance with the statutes, laws, ordinances, rules and regulations applicable thereto and that the proposed construction will be safe, said Superintendent shall approve the application and promptly issue a permit therefor. If said examination reveals otherwise, said Superintendent shall reject such application at once, giving the applicant a written statement of his reason or reasons for rejection.

Section 3. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State’s Office.

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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 Squeri, and unanimously carried that the meeting be closed.

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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 |

The meeting was closed at 5:52 P.M.

Pamela Walsh Boening
Village Clerk

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