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INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FREEPORT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
46 North Ocean Avenue  
Freeport, NY 11520

January 13, 2025  
6:03 p.m.

M E M B E R S :

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| ROBERT T. KENNEDY     | MAYOR        |
| RONALD J. ELLERBE     | DEPUTY MAYOR |
| CHRISTOPHER L. SQUERI | TRUSTEE      |
| JORGE A. MARTINEZ     | TRUSTEE      |

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| PAMELA A. WALSH-BOENING | VILLAGE CLERK   |
| HOWARD COLTON           | VILLAGE COUNSEL |

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2           MAYOR KENNEDY: Village attorney,  
3 we're going to move forward with the  
4 hearings.

5           MR. COLTON: Mayor, before I get  
6 started with the first hearing, which is to  
7 discuss the proposed budget, the 2025-2026  
8 budget for the Village of Freeport, I have a  
9 few housekeeping matters to attend to.

10           Mayor, with your permission, I'd like  
11 to have the following documents marked in as  
12 exhibits for purposes of this hearing:

13           Exhibit A - The directive setting the  
14 public hearing date.

15           Exhibit B - Notice of public hearing.

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17           Exhibit D - Affidavit of Posting.

18           Exhibit E - The recent Building  
19 Department's request for a negative  
20 declaration under SEQRA.

21           Exhibit F - a draft SEQRA resolution  
22 of the Board adopted findings of the Building  
23 Department.

24           At this time, mayor, I would request  
25 the Board review the draft resolution. If it

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2 meets with the approval of the Board, that it  
3 be adopted as the adopted resolution of the  
4 Board.

5                   MAYOR KENNEDY: Exhibits A, B, C, D,  
6 E and F are accepted.

7                   (WHEREUPON, the above-referred to  
8 document were marked as Board's Exhibits, in  
9 evidence, as of this date.)

10                   MR. COLTON: Mayor, we need a motion  
11 to adopt the draft SEQRA resolution.

12                   MAYOR KENNEDY: Do we have a motion  
13 for SEQRA?

14                   TRUSTEE SQUERI: So moved.

15                   DEPUTY MAYOR ELLERBE: Second.

16                   MAYOR KENNEDY: Madam Clerk, please  
17 poll the Board.

18                   THE CLERK: All in favor.

19                   TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Aye.

20                   TRUSTEE SQUERI: Aye.

21                   DEPUTY MAYOR ELLERBE: Aye.

22                   MAYOR KENNEDY: Aye.

23                   THE CLERK: Any opposed?

24                   (No response was heard.)

25                   MR. COLTON: Mayor, I'd ask that be

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marked as Exhibit G.

Exhibit H - will be the tentative budget.

Exhibit I - The draft amendments to the tentative budget, which Mr. Tanner will discuss in a few minutes.

There will be further exhibits, after the conclusion of the hearing. So, I would request that A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I be marked into evidence.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Exhibits G, H and I are now accepted by the Board.

(WHEREUPON, the above-referred to documents were marked as Board's Exhibits, in evidence, as of this date.)

MR. COLTON: At this time I'll turn this hearing over to David Tanner from Liberty Capital.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Good evening, Mr. Tanner.

MR. TANNER: Good evening, mayor, Board, residents who happen to be here this evening. I'll make this brief. Evidently we have an issue with the projector here, so I'm

1  
2 not sure you can get the clarity you have  
3 gotten in prior years.

4 MAYOR KENNEDY: It's clear enough.  
5 Go ahead.

6 MR. TANNER: Okay, great.

7 So, as the village attorney  
8 mentioned, tonight we'll be presenting the  
9 budget for approval of the Board --  
10 amendments and approval for the 2025/2026  
11 Village budget.

12 First a historical overview. This is  
13 the 12th budget of Mayor Kennedy's  
14 administration. 12 years of zero tax  
15 increases, 12 years of economic development,  
16 12 years of growth in nontax revenue, 12 year  
17 trend of debt reduction and expanded grade  
18 based capital improvement programs. I'll  
19 drill down on most of this, as we get through  
20 the presentation.

21 First, historical budget summary.  
22 These numbers are difficult to read. I just  
23 want to mention real quick, this line here  
24 indicates the tax rate over the last 15 years  
25 has been flat. It's come down a little bit

1 from where it was in 2015 from \$62.296.

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3 Currently in front of you, the amended, is  
4 tax rate of \$61.561; that's per \$100,000.

5 I also want to call your attention to  
6 these two numbers right over here. The  
7 amended budget that is being presented  
8 tonight actually has a budget, overall  
9 budget-to-budget reduction of about \$182,000.  
10 The first year the Village has been able to  
11 achieve that. Again, I'll show you more on  
12 that. Otherwise, the tax levy has been flat  
13 over the past 15 years. There has been  
14 growth in the valuation, due to the economic  
15 development.

16 I have some key elements here. As in  
17 prior years, contractual mandated increases  
18 in personnel services, employee benefits  
19 typically drives the Village's budget from  
20 year to year; budget increases, that is.

21 The reduction to debt service and tax  
22 payments has increased, the budget has  
23 increased or mitigated many of those costs.  
24 The economic development and utilization of  
25 village owned assets has also provided

1  
2 additional nontax revenue. I'll provide some  
3 numbers, the residents some numbers, further  
4 on in the presentation.

5           Lastly, strategic management of debt  
6 facilitation and capitalization of some  
7 budget items here. Again I'll repeat,  
8 budget-to-budget \$182,00 decrease. Again,  
9 that is in all the prior years of the levy  
10 being below the tax cap.

11           So, this chart here shows personnel  
12 services going up about \$600,000, employee  
13 benefits \$600,000, while debt service is  
14 going down in this budget, \$400,000 and  
15 change, as well as tax is going down \$400,000  
16 and change. Those numbers as well, I think,  
17 tells the story for the most part.

18           Again, debt reduction here. Follow  
19 the arrow straight down. \$65 million  
20 reduction, tax is \$64.79 million. Excuse me,  
21 reduction is 45 percent reduction in all  
22 funds. General fund is down in debt about  
23 \$25 million, 38 percent. Those are big  
24 numbers. Certainly big numbers. Especially  
25 where the Village was some years ago some

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2 \$43,000. That's a big deal.

3 Also, capital expenditures. In the  
4 last 15 years it's been about \$65 million in  
5 new initiatives, 24 percent has been paid  
6 through capital grants. You can see a  
7 breakdown here of how we arrived at that in  
8 \$16 million in reimbursements. The bulk of  
9 it is through electric projects, road  
10 projects, water, sewer, fire department, and  
11 the like.

12 Economic development overall of \$1.8  
13 million in recurring revenue. Again, every  
14 dollar that's not taxed is that much less  
15 your residents have to be taxed. Breaks down  
16 to rental of real property 7.5, \$54,000 in  
17 annual revenue. That's an increase from last  
18 year of about \$254,000. That's a big number.

19 Real property service agreements.  
20 This year is \$45,000 recurring revenue, and  
21 the Freeport Armory increased revenue.  
22 That's up -- not up. That's \$16,400. Here's  
23 a chart that explains that as well. Top line  
24 is revenue, bottom line is expenditures.  
25 You'll see why the expenditures is flat. The

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2 revenue grew from '24 to '25. That's a big  
3 jump. That's nice to see. That's all,  
4 again, nontax revenue mitigating any need to  
5 raise taxes. The yellow line here is the  
6 improvements to the Armory that were  
7 subsidized by grant revenue. And the use of  
8 Armory is very community oriented with people  
9 like childcare, Rising Stars, Merrick Fire  
10 Department. There are a couple of tenancies  
11 in that building.

12 Rec Center. While it's unreasonable  
13 to think that the recreation center is not  
14 supposed to be a profitable type of facility,  
15 let's say. The purpose of it is to provide  
16 services to one's community. At the same  
17 point, wherever you can improve the cost and  
18 improve the utilization of the asset, it  
19 bodes well for the community. And ultimately  
20 again here it provides nontax revenue and  
21 offsets whatever potential increases year  
22 over year. For example, in 2015 it was  
23 operating at a \$1.12 million loss; that's  
24 straight revenue, straight expenses. Now  
25 it's down to \$432,000. That's a big drop;

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2 about a 60 percent drop all and all. Quite a  
3 bit. Again, for that loss, it mitigates any  
4 potential tax revenue that has to be earned  
5 as a result of that.

6 Waterfront initiatives towards the  
7 blue economic engine for the community  
8 contributes overall about \$400,000 in  
9 additional nontax revenue. Outlined over  
10 here the Guy Lombardo Marina, \$250,000 nontax  
11 revenue budget. Seabreeze Marina, \$100,000  
12 and Cow Meadow Park Marina, \$50,000.

13 Moving forward, continuing the same.  
14 Why fight with success? Continue to explore  
15 opportunities for nontax revenue, continue  
16 with the capital plan. Public safety, for  
17 example that emergency operation center that  
18 the Board, the bond resolution which is  
19 supposed to be funded through a grant  
20 ultimately. The Board adopted SB as the  
21 advantage project. Continued storm  
22 prevention, sanitary, sewer program. Rec  
23 center is receiving some improvements.  
24 Public safety vehicles is always ongoing.  
25 These assets deteriorate over time, you

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2 always want to recycle them and continuation  
3 with the economic development. More to come,  
4 I'm sure, Mayor Kennedy, and continuation of  
5 the Community Development.

6 That's my presentation this evening.  
7 Do you have any questions?

8 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Mr. Tanner, just a  
9 general question. We were given a tentative  
10 budget on December 2nd. Since then, have  
11 there been any adjustments or changes to the  
12 budget?

13 MR. TANNER: There was an amendment  
14 that was provided for you. The biggest  
15 driver was having to move \$34,000 of the tax  
16 line.

17 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: I'm sorry, sir, I  
18 can't hear you.

19 MR. TANNER: Let me get that line  
20 out. At the request of the Comptroller's  
21 Office. The Comptroller's Office requested  
22 that.

23 MR. COLTON: As Mr. Tanner states,  
24 New York State Comptroller's Office requested  
25 it.

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TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Not our  
comptroller?

MR. COLTON: Not ours.

TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: What did they  
request?

MR. TANNER: They requested that  
budget line be incorporated in the restored  
tax line, be incorporated into the annual tax  
levy.

TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: In laymen's terms,  
what does that mean to us?

MR. TANNER: We had to decrease that  
line by \$35,000 and adjust, make adjustments  
throughout the budget and also raise the tax  
levy as a result of that.

TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: By doing that,  
that increased the overall. The net change  
was --

MR. TANNER: \$90,000. Interestingly  
enough, the assessed valuation from the  
tentative to the final went up, which  
permitted the tax levy to still remain flat  
from last year. The tax rate is still flat  
from last year as well, again as a result of

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2 the Economic Development I referred to of the  
3 assessed valuation increasing by a couple of  
4 thousand dollars.

5 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: What other changes  
6 were made, since we last went over this?

7 MR. TANNER: A couple of salary  
8 adjustments along the way. That should be in  
9 front of you. Do you have the tentative  
10 sheet?

11 MR. COLTON: And those were two  
12 salary adjustments that were discussed with  
13 the Board in executive session at the last  
14 meeting.

15 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Once again, they  
16 don't -- in no means do they appear to be  
17 serious, they're minimal?

18 MR. COLTON: Very minimal.

19 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Once again, since  
20 the budget was given to us, the only  
21 adjustments or only changes were those that  
22 have been given to us tonight?

23 MR. TANNER: Yes, sir.

24 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: No other changes?

25 MR. TANNER: Yes.

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2 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: So, as a resident  
3 of Freeport, what do I expect on my tax bill?

4 MR. TANNER: Excuse me?

5 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: As a resident of  
6 Freeport, what do I expect on my tax bill?

7 MR. TANNER: I'm sorry?

8 MR. COLTON: As a resident of the  
9 Village, what do you expect to see on your  
10 tax bill?

11 MR. TANNER: Average tax.

12 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: No. I'm saying  
13 increase, decrease?

14 MR. TANNER: Flat. If your tax rate,  
15 in fact -- if your assessed valuation has  
16 gone up.

17 MR. COLTON: No increase.

18 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: No increase.  
19 That's for sure.

20 MR. TANNER: In fact, since 2015 it  
21 went down about \$60.

22 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Once again, as a  
23 Freeport resident, when I get my tax bill, I  
24 will see a flat, no increase as all.

25 MR. TANNER: Yeah.

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TRUSTEE SQUERI: I think the answer is zero.

TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Thank you. I'm just trying to make sure everybody understands the numbers.

MAYOR KENNEDY: I must say thank you for a nice presentation. I'm glad to see in the 12 consecutive years a zero percent tax increase. In fact, we have enjoyed a minimal tax reduction over the past 12 years.

MR. TANNER: Yes, sir.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Thank you to all the department heads, staff, volunteer fire department for the outstanding services they provide to the Village. I'm looking forward to bringing an additional nontax revenue next year to help us more in the future. Thank you very much for the budget.

TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Mr. Mayor, on top of that, I want to -- my point was, in spite of the fact we had to absorb almost \$1 million mandated increases, the department heads, trustees, you - the mayor, were able to not only cover that and hold the line.

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2 That required -- that really is amazing.  
3 Based on today's environment, in today's  
4 world, that really is an amazing achievement.

5 MR. TANNER: I always say it's a team  
6 effort led by the honorable.

7 MAYOR KENNEDY: I think our residents  
8 and business owners realize that we have had  
9 an increase, a significant increase, in  
10 Workman's Comp, liability, disability,  
11 medical, retirement, and CSEA and PBA, and we  
12 were able to maintain zero percent here in  
13 the Village. Thank you everyone for all you  
14 have done.

15 MR. TANNER: Thank you.

16 MAYOR KENNEDY: Do we have any  
17 comments from the trustees?

18 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: I think my  
19 questions were complicated enough.

20 MAYOR KENNEDY: Deputy Mayor.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR ELLERBE: No.

22 MAYOR KENNEDY: Trustee Squeri.

23 TRUSTEE SQUERI: I'm good. Thank  
24 you.

25 MAYOR KENNEDY: Village attorney.

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2 MR. COLTON: No, mayor. I have a few  
3 other things to discuss when we're done.

4 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Keep it simple,  
5 just in case.

6 MAYOR KENNEDY: Village Clerk.

7 THE CLERK: No, Mr. Mayor.

8 MAYOR KENNEDY: Please proceed.

9 MR. COLTON: Mayor, with your  
10 permission, the draft amendment to the  
11 tentative budget, which I have given to the  
12 Board and Mr. Tanner has discussed, we would  
13 need a resolution to adopt those amendments  
14 to then amend the tentative budget.

15 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: So moved.

16 MAYOR KENNEDY: Do we need a second?

17 DEPUTY MAYOR ELLERBE: Second.

18 MAYOR KENNEDY: Madam Clerk.

19 THE CLERK: All in favor.

20 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Aye.

21 TRUSTEE SQUERI: Aye.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR ELLERBE: Aye.

23 MAYOR KENNEDY: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Any opposed?

25 (No response was heard.)

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MR. COLTON: Thank you, mayor.

At this time, continuing on with some of your exhibits.

Exhibit K will be the draft resolution adopting the budget as amended.

Exhibit L would be the adopted budget as the adopted budget, which includes the tentative budget as amended.

Exhibit M would be the adopted resolution adopting the budget. We'll get to that in one moment.

Mr. Mayor, with your permission, I would ask that Exhibit K and L entered into evidence at this time.

MAYOR KENNEDY: K, L and M?

MR. COLTON: Not yet. The Board has to adopt the resolution.

MAYOR KENNEDY: K and L Exhibits are accepted in at this time.

TRUSTEE SQUERI: So moved.

TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Second.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Madam Clerk.

THE CLERK: All in favor.

TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Aye.

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TRUSTEE SQUERI: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR ELLERBE: Aye.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Aye.

THE CLERK: Any opposed?

(No response was heard.)

(WHEREUPON, the above-referred to documents were marked as Board's Exhibits, in evidence, as of this date.)

MR. COLTON: Mayor, at this time I'll request a motion to adopt the resolution adopting the budget as amended.

TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: So moved.

DEPUTY MAYOR ELLERBE: Second.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Madame Clerk.

THE CLERK: All in favor.

TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Aye.

TRUSTEE SQUERI: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR ELLERBE: Aye.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Aye.

THE CLERK: Any opposed?

(No response was heard.)

MR. COLTON: Mayor, I ask that be marked as Exhibit M.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Yes. Adopting

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Exhibit M.

(WHEREUPON, the above-referred to document was marked as a Board's Exhibit, in evidence, as of this date.)

MR. COLTON: At this time a motion to close this hearing to further evidence and testimony.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Thank you. Any comments?

TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Mr. Mayor, if you don't mind, all kidding aside, I'd like to echo what you said. Once again, a tremendous thank you to yourself, trustees, all department heads for once again really doing an amazing job coming in with these numbers, knowing the amount of expenses that we had to absorb. It really is a testament to the whole team working together. I'm very proud to be a resident and see this happening year after year.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Thank you. Do we have a motion?

TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: So moved.

TRUSTEE SQUERI: Second.

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2 MAYOR KENNEDY: Madam Clerk, please  
3 poll the Board.

4 THE CLERK: All in favor.

5 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Aye.

6 TRUSTEE SQUERI: Aye.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR ELLERBE: Aye.

8 MAYOR KENNEDY: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Any opposed?

10 (No response was heard.)

11 MAYOR KENNEDY: Village Attorney.

12 MR. COLTON: Thank you, Mayor. That  
13 concludes Hearing Number 1.

14 Hearing Number 2 is to consider the  
15 proposed contract between the Incorporated  
16 Village of Freeport and the Freeport  
17 Volunteer Fire Department for furnishing of  
18 fire protection and rescue services for the  
19 Village of Freeport for 2025 through 2026.

20 Mayor, before I begin, I have few  
21 housekeeping matters to attend to, if you  
22 don't mind.

23 MAYOR KENNEDY: Proceed.

24 MR. COLTON: For purposes of this  
25 hearing, I'd like to have the following

1 documents marked into evidence:

2 Exhibit A - The directive setting the  
3 public hearing.

4 Exhibit B - The Notice of public  
5 hearing.

6 Exhibit C - Copy of the Affidavit of  
7 Publication.

8 Exhibit D - The Affidavit of Posting.

9 Exhibit E - The Building Department's  
10 negative declaration recommendation under  
11 SEQRA, and;

12 Exhibit F - The Draft Resolution  
13 under SEQRA adopting the findings of the  
14 Building Department indicating this is an  
15 administrative action and will have no impact  
16 on the environment.

17 That will be Exhibits A through F.  
18 At this time, I would ask if the Board would  
19 review the Draft SEQRA Resolution, and if it  
20 is acceptable that a motion be made to adopt  
21 the resolution.

22 MAYOR KENNEDY: We have Exhibits A,  
23 B, C, D, E and F accepted by the Board.

24 (WHEREUPON, the above-referred to  
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1 documents were marked as Board's Exhibits, in  
2 evidence, as of this date.)

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4 MR. COLTON: At this time I need a  
5 motion to adopt the Draft SEQRA Resolution as  
6 formal resolution of the Board.

7 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: So moved.

8 TRUSTEE SQUERI: Second.

9 MAYOR KENNEDY: Madam Clerk, please  
10 poll the Board.

11 THE CLERK: All in favor.

12 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Aye.

13 TRUSTEE SQUERI: Aye.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR ELLERBE: Aye.

15 MAYOR KENNEDY: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Any opposed?

17 (No response was heard.)

18 MR. COLTON: Mayor, I'd ask that be  
19 marked as Exhibit G, and Exhibit H will be  
20 the proposed contract. I will have two more  
21 exhibits, once we conclude the hearing.

22 MAYOR KENNEDY: Exhibits G and H are  
23 accepted by the Board.

24 (WHEREUPON, the above-referred to  
25 documents were marked as Board's Exhibits, in

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2 evidence, as of this date.)

3 MR. COLTON: Mayor, tonight's second  
4 hearing is to approve the contract for the  
5 provision of fire protection and supplement  
6 ambulance service and emergency service, also  
7 known as emergency rescue services, within  
8 the Incorporated Village of Freeport,  
9 pursuant to the provisions of Section 4412  
10 Village Law of the State of New York and  
11 applicable subdivisions 209-b of the General  
12 Municipal Law of the State of New York. This  
13 is a contract we have done for many years.  
14 The actual total is \$151,000; that has not  
15 changed over the years.

16 Mayor, that concludes what I have to  
17 say.

18 MAYOR KENNEDY: Do we need a motion?

19 MR. COLTON: If there's any comments?

20 MAYOR KENNEDY: Do we have any  
21 comments from the audience or from the Board?

22 TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Just as a Freeport  
23 resident, I couldn't be more proud and  
24 grateful for our fire department. I think,  
25 by far, you would agree with me, they are the

1  
2 best in New York State.

3 MAYOR KENNEDY: Absolutely. It just  
4 amazes me. I was out recently at 3:00 in the  
5 morning at a fire. To think of all the  
6 volunteer firefighters out there from 3:00 to  
7 6:00 in the morning extinguishing those  
8 fires, protecting people, and then they go to  
9 work the next day not only in the Village but  
10 wherever they are traveling to. I want to  
11 say thank you to all the volunteer  
12 firefighters in the Village of Freeport for  
13 all they do for our residents and businesses  
14 here. Thank you.

15 Deputy Mayor.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR ELLERBE: No.

17 MAYOR KENNEDY: Trustee.

18 TRUSTEE SQUERI: I just want to  
19 reiterate the feelings that we have for our  
20 fire department, the largest one in New York  
21 State volunteer fire department. They never  
22 cease to not make me proud. Thank you for  
23 all you do. Anything we can do to help,  
24 please ask.

25 MAYOR KENNEDY: Okay. Village

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attorney.

MR. COLTON: Mayor, at this time we have a Draft Resolution adopting the contract. I'd ask that be marked as Exhibit I.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Do we have a motion?

TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: So moved.

TRUSTEE SQUERI: Second.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Madam Clerk, please poll the Board.

THE CLERK: All in favor.

TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Aye.

TRUSTEE SQUERI: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR ELLERBE: Aye.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Aye.

THE CLERK: Any opposed?

(No response was heard.)

(WHEREUPON, the above-referred to document was marked as a Board Exhibit, in evidence, as of this date.)

MR. COLTON: And mayor, I would request that the resolution be adopted formally by the Board so it can then be moved to contract. One more motion, mayor.

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MAYOR KENNEDY: Do we have a motion?

DEPUTY MAYOR ELLERBE: So moved.

TRUSTEE SQUERI: Second.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Madam Clerk.

THE CLERK: All in favor.

TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Aye.

TRUSTEE SQUERI: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR ELLERBE: Aye.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Aye.

THE CLERK: Any opposed?

(No response was heard.)

MR. COLTON: I'll request that be  
marked as Exhibit J.

(WHEREUPON, the above-referred to  
document was marked as a Board Exhibit, in  
evidence, as of this date.)

MR. COLTON: At this time, mayor, I  
need a motion to close our hearing to further  
evidence and testimony.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Do we have comments,  
Madam Clerk?

THE CLERK: No, we do not.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Do we have a motion  
to close the meeting?

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TRUSTEE SQUERI: So moved.

DEPUTY MAYOR ELLERBE: Second.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Madam Clerk, please  
poll the Board.

THE CLERK: All in favor.

TRUSTEE MARTINEZ: Aye.

TRUSTEE SQUERI: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR ELLERBE: Aye.

MAYOR KENNEDY: Aye.

THE CLERK: Any opposed?

(No response was heard.)

MR. COLTON: Mayor, that concludes  
the public hearing for this evening.

(Time Ended: 6:25 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, BETHANNE MENNONNA, a Notary Public within and for the State of New York do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings, as taken stenographically by myself to the best of my ability, at the time and place aforementioned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of January, 2025.

  
BETHANNE MENNONNA