

**VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BUDGET WORK SESSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 28, 2026**

A Special Meeting was held by the Village Board of Trustees on March 28, 2026 at Village Hall for the purpose of conducting a FY 26-27 Budget Work Session.

Call to Order: Mayor McCarty called the meeting to order at 12:36PM.

Present: Mayor Miles McCarty; Trustees: Will Olson, David Fogel, Diana Radford, Stephanie Ortolano; Clerk-Treasurer Julia Wallace; Accountant Heather Murray; Also present were Hugh McElya, Jean Simmons, Jason Cuykendall, and Nelson Meade.

Privilege of the Floor:

New FCC president Hugh McElya thanked the Board for their previous contributions to their organization and assured the Board that they still have some leftover funds from last year's donation. The FCC's goal is to build community and McElya feels confident that many of their events could be pulled off with collaborative partnerships and fundraising. He appreciates whatever the board is able to contribute, but understands the current stress on the budget and wants the Board to prioritize what they need to for the Village.

Jean Simmons appeared before the board to advocate for the Freeville Farmer's Market. She thanked the board for their previous contributions and gave updates regarding their current grant applications and awards. The Farmer's Market has recently had some internal changes and they are currently looking for donations to fund a treasurer's salary.

Nelson Meade and Jason Cuykendall gave an in-depth report about the firehouse's operations and offered explanations regarding their larger asking contribution. The department is in the process of purchasing a new fire engine and want to ensure their reserves stay padded in the event they need another truck in the future and to keep on pace with current inflation trends. Mayor McCarty outlined the Village's long list of previous contributions, both fiscal and in service, and elaborated the Board's desire to stay within the Tax Cap. Further discussion is needed amongst the board regarding this request.

Budget Modifications: Trustee Ortolano approved the budget modifications proposed by accountant Murray. Trustee Fogel seconded. All members voted in favor.

Dump Truck Resolution: Trustee Fogel made a motion to approve the following resolution:

**The Village of Freeville
A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of the 2019 Chevrolet Silverado Dump Truck**

WHEREAS, the Village owns a 2019 Chevrolet Silverado dump truck currently assigned to the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle is no longer needed for current or future Village operations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interest of the Village to sell the vehicle to another municipality in accordance with the New York State General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the condition, mileage, and market value of the vehicle and has established an asking price of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000):

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Freeville Board of Trustees hereby declares the Chevrolet Silverado dump truck as surplus equipment and authorizes it's sale to another municipality for an amount not less than the established \$70,000 asking price, unless otherwise approved by the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Clerk-Treasurer Wallace and DPW Employee Dylan Schlee are hereby authorized to advertise, market, and otherwise "shop around" the vehicle to other municipalities. Including but not limited to contacting DPW departments, highway departments, and municipal equipment networks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Clerk Wallace and Mr. Schlee are authorized to provide photographs, specifications, maintenance records, and any additional information reasonably required by interested municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any final sale shall be subject to approval by the Village Board of Trustees and executed with all applicable laws and procedures.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this 28th day of March, 2026 by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeville.

Trustee Olson seconded. All members voted in favor.

Set Date - PH Tentative Budget; Special Meeting: A public hearing for the FY 26-27 Tentative Budget was set for April 17th, 11:00 a.m.

FY 2026-2027 Budget Work Session: A budget work session was conducted for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Trustee Radford motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Wallace
Village Clerk-Treasurer