

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MINEOLA

HEARING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 11, 2017
6:30 o'clock p.m.

B e f o r e:

SCOTT P. STRAUSS,

Mayor,

PAUL S. CUSATO,

GEORGE R. DURHAM,

DENNIS J. WALSH,

Trustees.

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JOHN P. GIBBONS, JR., ESQ.
Village Attorney

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JOSEPH R. SCALERO,
Village Clerk

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1 MR. SCALERO: Ladies and gentlemen, please
2 silence all pagers and cell phones. In the event of an
3 emergency there are exits located in the rear of the
4 room.

5 MAYOR STRAUSS: Evening, ladies and gentlemen.
6 We have a Local Law that we'd like to amend. That's
7 going to be the hearing for this evening.

8 So, Mr. Scalero, before you sit down, take care
9 of this for us.

10 MR. SCALERO: "Legal Notice, Public Hearing,
11 Incorporated Village of Mineola.

12 "Please take Notice that the Board of Trustees
13 of the Incorporated Village of Mineola will hold a Public
14 Hearing on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at
15 the Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New
16 York 11501, or at some other location to be hereafter
17 designated by the Board of Trustees, in order to receive
18 public comment upon the following:

19 "Proposed Local Law amending Section 198 of the
20 Municipal Code of the Incorporated Village of Mineola,
21 entitled 'Architectural and Site Plan Review', Section
22 198-3, entitled 'Powers and Jurisdiction of Planning
23 Board'.

24 "The Village of Mineola does not discriminate
25 on the basis of handicapped status in administration or

1 access to or employment in its projects and activities.
2 Joseph R. Scalero has been directed to coordinate
3 compliance with non-discrimination requirements of the
4 Federal Revenue Sharing regulations.

5 "At this scheduled meeting of its Board of
6 Trustees reserved decisions from previous meetings, if
7 any, may be acted upon by the Board of Trustees.

8 "At the aforesaid time and place all interested
9 persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

10 "By Order of the Board of Trustees of the
11 Incorporated Village of Mineola. Joseph R. Scalero,
12 Village Clerk.

13 "Dated September 15, 2017."

14 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you Mr. Scalero.

15 Gentlemen, as you know, we've continually gone
16 through the code looking for ways to streamline the
17 process for our residents. Some of the processes are a
18 little cumbersome. Some need to be. Some don't need to
19 be.

20 So what we're doing is going through those
21 right now and we're trying to eliminate some of the
22 awkwardness and the burden that is placed on the
23 residents when they want to do certain things.

24 So with that being said, I'm going to pass this
25 over to Mr. Gibbons, who is going to go through what this

1 is.

2 MR. GIBBONS: Thank you, Mayor.

3 As you stated, the Building Department has been
4 looking for ways to streamline the process to make it
5 easier for the residents, more time efficient and less
6 expensive.

7 In that regard the Architectural Review Board
8 in Mineola, which is performed on the Planning Board, has
9 jurisdiction over all applications for alterations and
10 additions, and this includes one-family and two-family
11 homes.

12 The Building Department has found over the
13 years that individual homeowners coming to the Building
14 Department for simple additions -- such as porticoes,
15 porches and vestibules -- to comply with the Village Law
16 are still required to file applications and pay fees and
17 appear in front of the Planning Board for architectural
18 review. The Building Department has recommended that
19 those de minimis items -- specifically porticoes, porches
20 and vestibules -- be exempt from review for the Planning
21 Board.

22 As I said, the Building Department would
23 continue to review the applications to ensure compliance
24 with the zoning law. If they did need some type of
25 variance -- like a front yard setback variance -- they

1 would still be required to go to the Zoning Board. But
2 this will allow those additions to proceed more quickly,
3 the homeowners to get their permits and to do those small
4 additions.

5 MAYOR STRAUSS: Great. Thank you.

6 Any comments from the Board before we open up
7 to public comment?

8 MR. CUSATO: Mayor, I think we're doing a great
9 thing here. You know, we're helping to simplify the
10 needs of our residents. So I think we're doing a good
11 thing here.

12 MAYOR STRAUSS: Great. Thank you.

13 Trustee Durham?

14 MR. DURHAM: I'll say that I think we're doing
15 a good thing for the people who want to improve the look
16 of the front of their houses and having to go through the
17 hassles. So it just makes it easier for them, enables
18 them to streamline the process and improve the looks of
19 their houses without burdens.

20 MAYOR STRAUSS: Trustee Walsh?

21 MR. WALSH: I have no issues with this.

22 Thank you.

23 MAYOR STRAUSS: I'll entertain -- excuse me. I
24 will open up for any public comment.

25 Anybody wishing to approach the podium, I ask

1 that you please approach the podium, speak slowly and
2 clearly for the reporter, state your name and your
3 address, and we'll hear any comments from anybody wishing
4 to speak.

5 OK. That's a no.

6 All right. I'll entertain a motion to approve.

7 MR. WALSH: I'll make that motion.

8 MAYOR STRAUSS: Motion by Trustee Walsh.

9 MR. CUSATO: I'll second.

10 MAYOR STRAUSS: Seconded by Trustee Cusato.

11 Mr. Scalero, will you poll the Board?

12 MR. SCALERO: Yes, sir.

13 Trustee Durham.

14 MR. DURHAM: Yes.

15 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Cusato?

16 MR. CUSATO: Yes.

17 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Walsh?

18 MR. WALSH: Yes.

19 MR. SCALERO: Mayor Strauss?

20 MAYOR STRAUSS: Yes.

21 I would like for you to take note tonight,
22 folks, Deputy Mayor Paul Pereira was unable to attend
23 tonight's hearing and work session due to some personal
24 obligations that he couldn't get out of. So, he is here
25 in spirit.

1 Anything else, Mr. Gibbons?

2 MR. GIBBONS: No, Mayor. Thank you.

3 MAYOR STRAUSS: I'll entertain a motion to
4 close the hearing.

5 MR. DURHAM: Motion.

6 THE COURT: Motion by Trustee Durham.

7 MR. CUSATO: Second.

8 MAYOR STRAUSS: Seconded by Trustee Cusato.
9 Any all in favor?

10 MR. DURHAM: Aye.

11 MR. CUSATO: Aye.

12 MR. WALSH: Aye.

13 MAYOR STRAUSS: Aye.

14 Any opposed?

15 Carried.

16 Folks, thank you very much.

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18 This is to certify that the within and foregoing is a
19 true and accurate transcript of the stenographic notes as
20 recorded by the undersigned Official Court Reporter.

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