

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MINEOLA

HEARING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 14, 2016
6:30 o'clock p.m.

B e f o r e:

SCOTT P. STRAUSS,
Mayor
PAUL A. PEREIRA, Deputy Mayor
PAUL S. CUSATO,
GEORGE R. DURHAM,
DENNIS J. WALSH,
Trustees.

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PETER S. TRENTACOSTE, ESQ.
Village Attorney

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DANIEL WHALEN
Superintendent of Buildings

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: Mr. Scalero.

6 MR. SCALERO: Yes, sir.

7 MAYOR STRAUSS: The floor is yours.

8 Going right to the hearings first and leave the
9 law for last.

10 MR. SCALERO: OK.

11 "Legal Notice, Public Hearing, Incorporated
12 Village of Mineola.

13 "Please take Notice that the Board of Trustees
14 of the Incorporated Village of Mineola will hold a Public
15 Hearing on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at
16 the Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New
17 York 11501, or at some other location to be hereafter
18 designated by the Board of Trustees, in order to receive
19 public comment upon the following:

20 "Application of Eric A. Bjorneby for a Special
21 Use Permit pursuant to Chapter 550 of the Code of the
22 Incorporated Village of Mineola, entitled 'Zoning',
23 Section 550.13, entitled 'B-2 Districts', for the purpose
24 of establishing a blood diagnostic center upon the
25 property known as 212 Station Plaza, Mineola, New York,

1 known and designated on the Nassau County Land and Tax
2 Map as Section 9, Block 422, Lot 111.

3 "The Village of Mineola does not discriminate
4 on the basis of handicapped status in administration or
5 access to or employment in its projects and activities.
6 Joseph R. Scalero has been directed to coordinate
7 compliance with non-discrimination requirements of the
8 Federal Revenue Sharing regulations.

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

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

14 "By Order of the Board of Trustees of the
15 Incorporated Village of Mineola. Joseph R. Scalero,
16 Village Clerk.

17 "Dated November 23, 2016."

18 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

19 Mr. Whalen, report on mailings?

20 MR. WHALEN: The Affidavit of Mailing is in
21 order, Mayor, signed and notarized.

22 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

23 Mr. Trentacoste?

24 MR. TRENTACOSTE: We have a motion. This
25 matter has been referred already to Nassau County

1 Planning Commission and we have heard back.

2 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

3 This will be the format for this evening's
4 hearing. The applicant will make their presentation to
5 the Board. The Board will ask any questions that we may
6 have. You feel free to call any witnesses that you may
7 have. And then, at the completion of the interaction
8 with the Board, we'll open it up to public comment.

9 I ask anyone wishing to speak at the podium to
10 please speak slowly, clearly, for the reporter, state
11 your name and your address for the record.

12 Gentlemen, who's up first?

13 MR. BJORNEBY: Good evening. My name is Eric
14 Bjorneby -- I'm the architect filing the project --
15 located at 4250 Veterans Memorial Highway in Holbrook,
16 New York.

17 The project is to file for a Quest Diagnostics,
18 Mineola. It's going to be a small location with two draw
19 stations. They expect to service about 25 patients per
20 day, mostly commuters in the morning. The hours of
21 operation are going to be Monday through Friday, 7:00
22 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to noon, and
23 closed on Sundays. Each day they will close from 12:00
24 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for lunch. They will have one
25 full-time employee and one part-time employee, which they

1 both expect to commute to work using the railroad system.

2 They have several other locations that are
3 within a reasonable location, closest being
4 one-and-a-half miles away, 520 Franklin Avenue. They
5 expect this one to draw on the commuters that will
6 already be using the train system.

7 The blood and urine is collected and taken off
8 site on a daily basis to a lab in Syosset. So no testing
9 will be done on site. Again, this is a small location,
10 only 918 square feet, with two stations.

11 The medical waste will be picked up most likely
12 as needed, but most likely on a monthly basis, and the
13 small non-medical waste will be picked up by the cleaning
14 crew on a daily basis at night.

15 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

16 So you said there's going to be two stations
17 for the blood drawings?

18 MR. BJORNEBY: Correct.

19 MAYOR STRAUSS: Any other drawings that you're
20 going to be taking there, urine samples or anything?

21 MR. BJORNEBY: Majority is going to be blood
22 and urine.

23 MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. How many people are
24 scheduled per hour? Do you do it on a schedule or do you
25 just walk in?

1 MR. BJORNEBY: They expect to be 25 to 30 per
2 day. They're open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. I mean --

3 MAYOR STRAUSS: Just a few an hour. OK.

4 MR. BJORNEBY: It shouldn't be -- yes, a few, a
5 couple per hour.

6 MAYOR STRAUSS: All right.

7 Deputy Mayor?

8 MR. PEREIRA: Thank you, Mayor.

9 And is this to replace the existing Quest
10 Diagnostics in Mineola? Was there a -- I believe there
11 was one on First Street?

12 MR. BJORNEBY: Correct. That location is
13 dissolving and they're opening up this one. They're
14 really trying -- they have several other locations that
15 are close by. Like I said, they have one in Garden City,
16 which is a mile-and-a-half away. So they're really
17 trying to take advantage of the commuters in this
18 location. But I'm not sure that they're going to try and
19 move everybody from that location to this location. They
20 have many other locations that are . . .

21 MR. PEREIRA: How many times a day will they
22 pickup the samples? Just once a day?

23 MR. BJORNEBY: Once.

24 MR. PEREIRA: Once a day at the end of the day,
25 I assume?

1 MR. BJORNEBY: I believe they said that in
2 certain situations they might need a rush. So they might
3 have one. But on a regular basis it's one per day.

4 MR. PEREIRA: OK. Well I see this as a low
5 impact use for that area. And as you said, I think a lot
6 of people probably on their way in to work take the
7 train. At 7:00 or 8:00 a.m. they will get their blood
8 drawn, get their blood work, and head off to work. So I
9 certainly don't see it being a problem in that area.

10 So I have no further questions, Mayor. Thank
11 you.

12 MAYOR STRAUSS: Mr. Cusato?

13 MR. CUSATO: Mayor, my one question was on
14 blood pick up. It's been answered. So I have no other
15 questions.

16 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

17 Mr. Durham?

18 MR. DURHAM: My only question, you said that
19 the blood -- the trash and stuff like that will be
20 collected once a month? I mean, you said -- then you
21 said -- after that you said that nightly cleaning
22 crews would --

23 MR. PEREIRA: No.

24 MR. BJORNEBY: So the biohazard waste is going
25 to be picked up as needed, but they expect it to be about

1 once a month.

2 MR. DURHAM: So where is it stored?

3 MR. BJORNEBY: It's stored within regulations.
4 So it's in a closet, protected. It's not a very large
5 quantity. It's a small container.

6 MR. DURHAM: OK. That's stored on site,
7 whatever, and just the regular cleaning, whatever, would
8 be done by a cleaning service?

9 MR. BJORNEBY: Correct.

10 MR. DURHAM: I have no other questions.

11 MAYOR STRAUSS: All right. Thank you.

12 Mr. Walsh?

13 MR. WALSH: Yes. Thank you.

14 Good evening. How are you?

15 MR. BJORNEBY: Good evening to you.

16 MR. WALSH: Just so I understand, do you get a
17 lot of -- is it that you're near the hospital, you'll get
18 a lot of referrals from the hospital, or is this just a
19 location you chose?

20 MR. BJORNEBY: I think that that's something
21 that when they selected the location that was -- that's
22 been mentioned several times. So people that are there
23 can obviously walk over, with the distance. But again, I
24 think their main target is commuters in the morning.

25 MR. WALSH: OK. Good. And I think that's a

1 good location for this type of business. There's not
2 going to be a lot of traffic in an already crowded area.
3 And it's what we've been trying to develop in the
4 downtown, with the revitalization of the downtown. So I
5 have no problem.

6 I have no questions. Thank you.

7 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

8 Yes, sir?

9 MR. PEREIRA: I'm sorry. I have a question.

10 You are mentioning non-biohazard refuse,
11 garbage, will be handled by the cleaning crew. Will they
12 take it with them --

13 MR. BJORNEBY: Yes.

14 MR. PEREIRA: -- or are they going to put it
15 for curbside pickup by our sanitation?

16 MR. BJORNEBY: They take it with them.

17 MR. PEREIRA: They take it with them. OK.

18 MR. BJORNEBY: Yes.

19 MR. PEREIRA: Because I was going to mention,
20 since you're open on Saturdays, we wouldn't want that
21 garbage out on Saturday, sitting there till Monday. They
22 are going to take it with them.

23 MR. BJORNEBY: They will.

24 MR. PEREIRA: OK. Great. Even better. Thank
25 you.

1 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you, sir. I'm going to
2 open -- any other questions from the Board?

3 I'm going to open up for public comment. I ask
4 you to take a seat and if there's any questions, if you
5 could record those questions, and then we'll answer them
6 at the end.

7 Anybody in the first row? Second row? Third
8 row? Fourth row? Fifth row? Sixth row? Seventh row?

9 Sir, come on back up.

10 Anything else you'd like to mention, or any
11 other comments from the Board?

12 Yes, sir.

13 MR. DURHAM: With the front of the store, what
14 are you doing as far as signage and stuff like that?
15 Because we have a policy with the Village, whatever,
16 where we're trying to get stores in that area to take and
17 convert and use a set signage. So if you are going to
18 take and redo the front, would you be willing to take and
19 work with the Village, take and try and match some of the
20 other stores that we're trying to renovate?

21 MR. BJORNEBY: So we've already been before the
22 Board for the facade work, and so far that includes
23 redoing the facade with anodized aluminum and doing a
24 nice-looking storefront to try and freshen it up. And as
25 far as signage, we're going to try and -- if there's

1 recommended signage, we're open to it, whether it be --

2 MR. DURHAM: Have you seen Franwin Pharmacy,
3 their sign? Stuff like that. That's the initial start
4 of our downtown. We're trying to get those type signs
5 down there on the storefronts, whatever, and since you're
6 moving in . . .

7 MAYOR STRAUSS: Yes. The Village has a
8 storefront standardization program with signs, lights,
9 and I'll have our coordinator reach out to you.

10 MR. BJORNEBY: OK.

11 MAYOR STRAUSS: So, any other comments from the
12 Board?

13 Sir, anything else?

14 MR. BJORNEBY: No.

15 MAYOR STRAUSS: I'll entertain a motion to
16 approve.

17 MR. CUSATO: I'll make a motion.

18 MAYOR STRAUSS: Motion by Trustee Cusato.

19 Second?

20 MR. WALSH: Second.

21 MAYOR STRAUSS: By Trustee Walsh.

22 Mr. Scalero?

23 MR. SCALERO: Yes, sir.

24 Trustee Durham?

25 MR. DURHAM: Yes.

1 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Pereira?

2 MR. PEREIRA: Yes.

3 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Cusato?

4 MR. CUSATO: Yes.

5 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Walsh?

6 MR. WALSH: Yes.

7 MR. SCALERO: Mayor Strauss?

8 MAYOR STRAUSS: Yes.

9 Welcome to Mineola. Our Building Department
10 it's going to be in contact with you, as they already
11 are, but I'll have our coordinator with the storefront
12 program reach out to you.

13 MR. BJORNEBY: Great. Thank you.

14 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you. Welcome to Mineola.

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1 MAYOR STRAUSS: Mr. Scalero?

2 MR. SCALERO: Yes, sir.

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17 catering, carry-out and delivery upon the property known
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19 designated on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map as
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11 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

12 Mr. Whalen, report on mailings?

13 MR. WHALEN: The list is in order, Mayor.

14 We're in possession of the Affidavit of Mailing and it's
15 been signed and notarized.

16 MAYOR STRAUSS: Great. Thank you, sir.

17 Mr. Trentacoste?

18 MR. TRENTACOSTE: Yes, Mayor.

19 This matter was referred to the Nassau County
20 Planning Commission. They have since returned their
21 recommendation to leave this as a local determination of
22 this Board.

23 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

24 Again, this will be the format for this
25 evening's hearing. The presenter will make their

1 presentation, and there will be an interaction with the
2 Board. We'll ask any questions that we may have and then
3 we'll open up to public comment. Anyone wishing to make
4 public comment I ask that you approach the podium, speak
5 clearly and slowly for the reporter, state your name and
6 your address, and we can move on.

7 Sir?

8 MR. WHITE: Good evening, Mr. Chairman, Members
9 of the Board, Counsel, Mr. Superintendent, Mr. Village
10 Clerk.

11 My name is Matthew White, Walsh, Markus,
12 McDougal and DeBellis, 229 Seventh Street, Garden City,
13 New York.

14 I am here before you today regarding the
15 application of a Le Tre Emme Corp., d/b/a La Bottega
16 Mineola, for a Special Use Permit pursuant to Village
17 Code Section 550-13(a), to allow for a restaurant use at
18 100 Main Street, Mineola, New York.

19 With me this evening is Mr. Giuseppe Ruta, the
20 president of Le Tre Emme Corp., and the owner and
21 operator of several La Bottega restaurants throughout
22 Long Island. In fact, the Board may be familiar with
23 several of Mr. Ruta's restaurants, as there are several
24 nearby locations.

25 This proposed La Bottega location can best be

1 described as a restaurant for fast, casual dining, with
2 catering, take-out and delivery services. The restaurant
3 itself will feature 22 seats for in-house dining.

4 Its menu will feature both pre-made sandwiches,
5 paninis and salads, as well as dishes made to order for
6 both dining in and taking out purposes.

7 Additionally, Mr. Ruta will be featuring a
8 breakfast menu with various paninis and omelettes.

9 The restaurant will receive its daily
10 deliveries by way of van or box truck, or by foot, as La
11 Bottega, in fact, will source its meat from its next door
12 neighbor, Treasure Isle Foods, located at 164 Second
13 Street. This arrangement will offer not only convenience
14 and added flexibility and efficiency, but will also keep
15 the dollars within the Village. These deliveries are
16 expected to occur during morning hours, prior to the
17 morning rush, and the restaurant will open at 8:00 a.m.
18 every morning the whole week through weekends included.

19 The restaurant will utilize the existing ANSUL
20 fire suppression system, which the applicant has recently
21 had serviced and inspected. Additionally, the restaurant
22 will utilize the existing ventilation system which vents
23 by way of an exhaust fan located above the third floor
24 roof level.

25 Mr. Ruta prides himself on keeping his

1 restaurants neat and sanitary, and intends on doing the
2 same for this Mineola location. To this end, Mr. Ruta is
3 committed to supplementing Village refuse collection as
4 needed with private carting services. Mr. Ruta has found
5 that this extra level of care makes a positive difference
6 on the neighbors, the municipality and his business as a
7 whole, and this is evidenced by the fact that he has
8 never received any complaints with regard to refuse at
9 any of his other restaurant locations.

10 In closing, the applicant is very excited to
11 open this location here in Mineola, should he receive
12 this Board's approval, and sees this as a prime
13 opportunity to open up a flagship location for his La
14 Bottega family of restaurants.

15 Thank you.

16 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you, sir. Welcome to
17 Mineola. I appreciate you choosing Mineola.

18 MR. WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

19 MAYOR STRAUSS: How long has La Bottega been in
20 existence?

21 MR. WHITE: I believe 14 years.

22 MAYOR STRAUSS: 14 years?

23 MR. WHITE: In total.

24 MAYOR STRAUSS: How many staff are expected
25 here?

1 MR. WHITE: Mr. Ruta, would you come on up,
2 please?

3 MAYOR STRAUSS: Please come to the podium.
4 State your name and your address.

5 MR. RUTA: Hi. How are you?

6 My name is Giuseppe Ruta. I live in 7 Garfield
7 Street in Garden City, New York 11530.

8 How many staff? I'm expecting, I want to say,
9 between full-time and part-time, anywhere between 15 to
10 20. The reason is because, of course, we have several --
11 usually we use students or part-timers for phones and
12 deliveries, and to fill up the seven days it usually
13 takes a lot. So we're going to -- hopefully a lot.

14 MAYOR STRAUSS: OK.

15 MR. WHITE: Per shift?

16 MR. RUTA: Per shift, I want to say five to
17 seven.

18 MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. What time is the private
19 carting service going to pick up the garbage?

20 MR. WHITE: The carting is going to be --
21 Mr. Mayor, that's going to be determined on a need be
22 basis after he gets his feet wet and sees what his needs
23 are. But the service will be done at hours that will not
24 interfere with traffic in the location or any other
25 businesses. So the time I would expect to be morning

1 hours between probably the hours of 7:00 o'clock and 8:00
2 o'clock.

3 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you. I appreciate that
4 because there are apartments in the surrounding areas
5 that are above those stores. So rather than put out
6 those residents, we'd appreciate a reasonable time frame.

7 MR. WHITE: Yes.

8 MAYOR STRAUSS: Mr. Pereira?

9 MR. PEREIRA: Thank you, sir.

10 Again, I would like to echo your choice of
11 communities and thank you. Obviously La Bottega has name
12 recognition and as this -- as most people know -- was an
13 existing restaurant use for many, many years and
14 including a restaurant that was very well received not
15 that long ago. And of course that downtown is getting
16 revitalized. And it's good that you have the vision to
17 establish that down there. I really appreciate that.

18 Are you going to have a liquor license? Do you
19 have a liquor license in these locations? Because I know
20 the previous location I believe did not.

21 MR. RUTA: It did have a wine and beer license
22 only, and I'm planning to apply for it. I don't know if
23 I'm going to need one yet. I usually -- in most of my
24 restaurants I only have wine and beer. Don't have liquor
25 because liquor not really -- doesn't call for -- my

1 concept doesn't call for it. I'm not 100 percent I'm
2 going to use wine and beer for space reasons. The dining
3 room is very tiny and it's a little congested. If I do,
4 I will definitely see that maybe in the next three or
5 four months.

6 MR. PEREIRA: OK. And you're obviously going
7 to be open seven days a week?

8 MR. RUTA: I'm going to try for seven days a
9 week. I notice by just spending some time in the area
10 that Sunday nights seems to be very quiet overall, but I
11 don't know yet. I want to start with seven days and then
12 the maybe Sunday half a day, but I don't know yet.

13 MR. PEREIRA: What about your hours of
14 operation?

15 MR. RUTA: Hours of operation are going to be
16 from 8:00 to 9:00 every day. Maybe Friday and Saturdays
17 a little later, depending on the traffic. Not later than
18 10:00 o'clock. Most of my restaurants close around 9:00,
19 9:30 latest.

20 MR. PEREIRA: OK. Excellent. You know, and as
21 was mentioned earlier, I don't know if you're aware, but
22 what we've done in the last -- and you're in Carle Place,
23 right? You have a place in Carle Place?

24 MR. RUTA: That's a franchisee, but we're in
25 Carle Place as well, yes.

1 MR. PEREIRA: So very similar to what was done
2 on Post Avenue in Westbury we're doing, as the Mayor
3 indicated -- to find a uniformity in our signs. And as a
4 result of grants that we've received, we work with the
5 business owners to have the signs kind of conform. I
6 know obviously you have a certain style and logo. But
7 certainly reach out to our coordinator who is
8 coordinating that because it can save you money because
9 you could actually be entitled to receive some money to --

10 MR. RUTA: Actually, I met with them already.

11 MR. PEREIRA: OK. So you met with Tom.

12 MR. RUTA: I met at the location. It was about
13 a week-and-a-half ago. And we went over. And I saw
14 actually the pharmacy you mentioned before and it kind of
15 has the same color of La Bottega, you know, the maroon
16 and the gold leaf. We have actually a couple of signs
17 that look exactly the sign same. In Roslyn the signs are
18 exactly the same colors. But he has to reach out to the
19 landlord.

20 MR. PEREIRA: Right.

21 MR. RUTA: Because he has also signage above
22 the restaurant. So I don't know how far they went with
23 that.

24 MR. PEREIRA: So as long as Mr. Savino is aware
25 of it. It can benefit you.

1 MR. RUTA: Yes.

2 MR. PEREIRA: It's certainly going to benefit
3 the facility. So it's a no-brainer in my opinion.

4 I don't have any further questions, Mayor.
5 Thank you.

6 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

7 Trustee Cusato?

8 MR. CUSATO: Thank you, Mayor.

9 Good evening. So it looks like you're actually
10 planning to sit and dine inside your store, correct?

11 MR. RUTA: Yes.

12 MR. WHITE: Yes. There will be 22 seats for
13 dining.

14 MR. CUSATO: OK. Very good. That's it.

15 Thank you, Mayor.

16 MAYOR STRAUSS: Trustee Durham?

17 MR. DURHAM: I think that it's going to be a
18 good addition to the downtown and I have no questions.

19 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

20 Trustee Walsh?

21 MR. WALSH: Yes. Thank you.

22 Hello. How are you? Good evening.

23 MR. RUTA: Good evening.

24 MR. WALSH: Treasure Isle is the landlord only;
25 is that correct?

1 MR. RUTA: Yes.

2 MR. WALSH: They don't have -- they're not
3 involved with you in the business.

4 MR. RUTA: Absolutely not.

5 MR. WHITE: Only as a provider of -- the meat
6 provider.

7 MR. WALSH: OK. That's fine. Because in the
8 past they were involved in the business.

9 And if you're given permission to start this
10 business, how long will it take you to get rolling? When
11 do you think you will be able to open up?

12 MR. RUTA: Well my landlord was very nice to
13 let me kind of in to -- because the place is very brand
14 new. The electric service -- it didn't need much. No
15 modifications in the kitchen. I mean, the guys that did
16 it before me they're two professional chefs and the
17 kitchen is really nice. The front counter and the dining
18 room is spotless. I just had to do a little bit of
19 decoration, you know, in there. Make it look as Italian
20 as I can. And really that's about it. I'm ready to
21 open. My only hold-up obviously this meeting and then
22 the others. And I already have a couple of people
23 training in different locations to kind of get the ball
24 rolling. Hopefully, if everything goes OK with signage
25 and training, maybe the end of January we should be

1 ready.

2 MR. WALSH: How many businesses do you own
3 yourself like this?

4 MR. RUTA: Five restaurants.

5 MR. WALSH: OK.

6 MR. RUTA: Including the original one, because
7 we are the founders, my wife and I are founded La
8 Bottega.

9 MR. WALSH: OK. So there's six ventures and
10 you own five others that are operating at this time.

11 MR. RUTA: Yes.

12 MR. WALSH: OK. That's very good. And, again,
13 this is what was intended for the downtown, to have
14 restaurants open up to go along with the apartments that
15 are opening up and such. And if you're given permission,
16 I wish you luck. Thank you.

17 MR. RUTA: Thank you.

18 MAYOR STRAUSS: Any other comments from the
19 Board?

20 All right. Gentlemen, I'll ask you to stay
21 close. We'll open up to public comment.

22 Anybody from the first -- anybody from the
23 audience wishing to make comment this evening on this
24 presentation?

25 Mr. White, come on back up.

1 I'll entertain a motion to approve.

2 MR. PEREIRA: Motion.

3 MAYOR STRAUSS: Motion by Trustee Pereira.

4 Second?

5 MR. DURHAM: Second.

6 MAYOR STRAUSS: By Trustee Durham.

7 Mr. Scalero, poll the Board.

8 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Durham?

9 MR. DURHAM: Yes.

10 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Pereira?

11 MR. PEREIRA: Yes.

12 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Cusato?

13 MR. CUSATO: Yes.

14 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Walsh?

15 MR. WALSH: Yes.

16 MR. SCALERO: Mayor Strauss?

17 MAYOR STRAUSS: Yes.

18 Gentlemen, welcome to the Village of Mineola.

19 I ask that you get involved in the Chamber of Commerce.

20 It's a great organization, great for networking. They're
21 a fabulous involved group in the community.

22 Wish you the best of success, and I'm sure
23 we'll see you at the grand opening of the place. Looking
24 forward to it.

25 MR. WHITE: Thank you.

1 MAYOR STRAUSS: Best of luck. You found a
2 great home here in Mineola.

3 MR. WHITE: Thank you.

4 MR. RUTA: Thank you.

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1 MAYOR STRAUSS: Mr. Scalero?

2 MR. SCALERO: Yes.

3 "Legal Notice, Public Hearing, Incorporated
4 Village of Mineola.

5 "Please take Notice that the Board of Trustees
6 of the Incorporated Village of Mineola will hold a Public
7 Hearing on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at
8 the Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New
9 York 11501, or at some other location to be hereafter
10 designated by the Board of Trustees, in order to receive
11 public comment upon the following:

12 "Proposed Local Law repealing Section 550-24 of
13 the Municipal Code of the Incorporated Village of
14 Mineola, entitled 'Fees for Commercial Parking Permits'.

15 "The Village of Mineola does not discriminate
16 on the basis of handicapped status in administration or
17 access to or employment in its projects and activities.
18 Joseph R. Scalero has been directed to coordinate
19 compliance with non-discrimination requirements of the
20 Federal Revenue Sharing regulations.

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

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

1 "By Order of the Board of Trustees of the
2 Incorporated Village of Mineola. Joseph R. Scalero,
3 Village Clerk.

4 "Dated: November 15, 2016."

5 THE COURT: Thank you.

6 This is one of those laws that we've come
7 across that we need to take off the books. It really
8 doesn't serve much of a purpose for us.

9 I ask Mr. Trentacoste, our counsel, to give a
10 very brief overview.

11 MR. TRENTACOSTE: Yes, Mayor. Thank you very
12 much.

13 This proposed Local Law relates to the issuance
14 of -- relates to gas stations and parking permits at gas
15 stations that is not applicable to the code and has the
16 potential of creating confusion with respect to other
17 permits issued by the Village.

18 It would be the recommendation that the Board
19 would consider the repealing of this entire Section
20 550-24 in its entirety.

21 MAYOR STRAUSS: Any comments from the Board?

22 Any comments from the public? Anybody wishing
23 to make a comment on the repealing of this law?

24 I'll entertain a motion to repeal the law.

25 MR. WALSH: Motion.

1 MAYOR STRAUSS: Motion by Trustee Walsh.
2 Second?
3 MR. PEREIRA: Second.
4 MAYOR STRAUSS: Trustee Pereira.
5 Mr. Scalero?
6 MR. SCALERO: Yes, sir.
7 Trustee Durham?
8 MR. DURHAM: Yes.
9 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Pereira?
10 MR. PEREIRA: Yes.
11 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Cusato?
12 MR. CUSATO: Yes.
13 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Walsh?
14 MR. WALSH: Yes.
15 MR. SCALERO: Mayor Strauss?
16 MAYOR STRAUSS: Yes.
17 Thank you, gentlemen.
18 I'll entertain a motion to close the hearings.
19 MR. PEREIRA: Motion.
20 MAYOR STRAUSS: Motion by Trustee Pereira.
21 Second?
22 MR. CUSATO: Second.
23 MAYOR STRAUSS: Trustee Cusato.
24 All in favor?
25 MR. DURHAM: Aye.

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MR. PEREIRA: Aye.

MR. CUSATO: Aye.

MR. WALSH: Aye.

MAYOR STRAUSS: Aye.

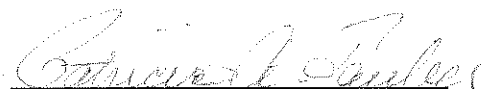
Any opposed?

Carried.

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