

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MINEOLA
HEARING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 10, 2021
6:30 o'clock p.m.

B e f o r e :

SCOTT P. STRAUSS,
Mayor,

PAUL A. PEREIRA, Deputy Mayor,
(Virtual via Zoom)

PAUL S. CUSATO,

GEORGE R. DURHAM,

DENNIS J. WALSH,
Trustees.

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PETER TRENTACOSTE, ESQ.
Village Attorney

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JOSEPH R. SCALERO,
Village Clerk

DANIEL B. WHALEN,
Supt. of Buildings

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KELLY CULEN
Official Court Reporter

1 MR. SCALERO: Legal notice, public hearing
2 Incorporated Village of Mineola. Please take notice
3 that the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village
4 of Mineola will hold a public hearing on Wednesday,
5 March 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 155
6 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501, or at some
7 other location to be hereafter designated by the Board
8 of Trustees, in order to receive public comment upon
9 the following:

10 A proposed local law authorizing a property
11 tax levy in excess of the limit established in General
12 Municipal Law Section 3C.

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

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

22 At the aforesaid time and place, all
23 interested persons will be given an opportunity to be
24 heard.

25 By order of the Board of Trustees of the

1 Incorporated Village of Mineola, Joseph R. Scalero,
2 Village Clerk.

3 Dated: February 23, 2021.

4 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you, Mr. Scalero.

5 Mr. Gibbons.

6 MR. GIBBONS: Yes, good evening, everyone.

7 MAYOR STRAUSS: Good evening.

8 MR. GIBBONS: The crux of tonight's local law
9 is in Section 3, and I'll read that. The Board of
10 Trustees of the incorporated Village of Mineola County
11 of Nassau is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for
12 the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2021 that requires a
13 real property tax levy in excess of the amount
14 otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law Section
15 3C. It's commonly referred to as a two percent cap,
16 although with the inflation factor this year, it's
17 approximately 1.31. So in order for you to consider a
18 budget next month, it may exceed that number, you first
19 would have to adopt the local law you have before you
20 tonight.

21 MAYOR STRAUSS: Okay. Any questions from the
22 Board?

23 Trustee Cusato?

24 TRUSTEE CUSATO: I have a comment, can I make
25 it?

1 MAYOR STRAUSS: Hold on, Deputy Mayor, folks,
2 Deputy Mayor, I keep forgetting you, Deputy Mayor is
3 coming to us live by technology --

4 DEPUTY MAYOR PEREIRA: You forget me, I have a
5 big head sitting next to Trustee Durham, thank you,
6 Mayor. Obviously, this is something that we do not
7 take lightly. This is something that has been around
8 for as long as I've been on the Board, and we've
9 actually taken this vote in previous years as a
10 preventative measure, however, I think it's no surprise
11 that this year, in light of the events of the past
12 twelve months that many municipalities, counties,
13 states, you know, frankly, any government or taxing
14 authority is going to find themselves in a similar
15 situation, and I think this just allows us and protects
16 us to go ahead and continue to do what we've been doing
17 which is put out a responsible budget which may or may
18 not pierce the cap, and I think that this is the
19 prudent thing to do at this time. There are still many
20 things that have to be ascertained in that we have to
21 get in numbers before we decide on a final budget, but
22 I think that this is smart of us to do this in light of
23 the things that we already know, and we certainly hope
24 to minimize the impact to the residents and the
25 taxpayers, but I, for one, think this is a prudent step

1 to take at this time.

2 Thank you, mayor.

3 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you, well said.

4 Trustee Cusato?

5 TRUSTEE CUSATO: So, Mayor, I want to take
6 this from a different perspective. You know, I want to
7 go back to the late 1950s and early '60s when I was a
8 kid and I was a member of Boy Scout Troop 221, and I
9 always remember their motto "be prepared," and tonight
10 we are doing that. We're taking the actions to be
11 prepared, and I certainly agree with Mr. Pereira, I
12 agree with what we're doing tonight.

13 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

14 Trustee Durham.

15 TRUSTEE DURHAM: Yes, I agree with what we're
16 doing tonight, and I think we should be prepared. We
17 need to take away to see how the figures fall, and if
18 we are getting any of the federal money, also, that is
19 being promised and talked about to see whether it helps
20 out the municipality, but we should be prepared.

21 MAYOR STRAUSS: All right, thank you.

22 Trustee Walsh?

23 TRUSTEE WALSH: Yeah, I have no comment. I'm
24 prepared to vote on this.

25 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you. Any other comments

1 from the public? That would be a no.

2 Mr. Gibbons, anything else?

3 MR. GIBBONS: No, thank you.

4 MAYOR STRAUSS: I'll entertain a motion to
5 approve?

6 TRUSTEE CUSATO: I'll make that motion.

7 MAYOR STRAUSS: Motion by Trustee Cusato. Do
8 I have a second?

9 TRUSTEE WALSH: I'll second.

10 MAYOR STRAUSS: By Trustee Walsh. Mr.
11 Scalero, please, poll the board.

12 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Pereira?

13 DEPUTY MAYOR PEREIRA: Yes.

14 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Durham?

15 TRUSTEE DURHAM: Yes.

16 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Cusato?

17 TRUSTEE CUSATO: Yes.

18 MR. SCALERO: Trustee Walsh?

19 TRUSTEE WALSH: Yes.

20 MR. SCALERO: Mayor Strauss?

21 MAYOR STRAUSS: Yes.

22 I'll entertain a motion to close the public
23 hearing.

24 TRUSTEE WALSH: Motion.

25 MAYOR STRAUSS: Motion by Trustee Walsh. Do I

1 have a second?

2 DEPUTY MAYOR PEREIRA: Second.

3 MAYOR STRAUSS: Second by Trustee Pereira from
4 long distance.

5 All in favor?

6 DEPUTY MAYOR PEREIRA: Aye.

7 TRUSTEE DURHAM: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE CUSATO: Aye.

9 TRUSTEE WALSH: Aye.

10 MAYOR STRAUSS: Aye.

11 Opposed?

12 Carried.

13 Folks, thank very much for coming out tonight.

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18 I, KELLY CULEN, a senior Court Reporter do
19 hereby certify this transcript to be a true and
20 accurate stenographic transcription of the proceedings.

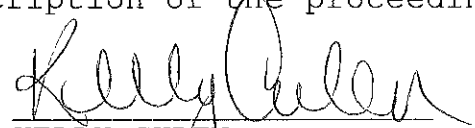
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