

**Minutes - Board Meeting 12/02/2020**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**ALSO PRESENT:** Village Attorney John P. Gibbons, Jr.  
Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero  
Deputy Village Clerk Linda Pardo  
Village Treasurer Giacomo Ciccone  
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini  
Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen

**Press Observer:** None

**Sunshine Observers:** None

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Work Session to order at 6:30 PM.**

**Resolution No. 255-20**

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Seconded by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

<b>Vote:</b>			
<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Abstain</u></b>	
Mayor Scott P. Strauss			
Trustee Paul S. Cusato			
Trustee Paul A. Pereira			
Trustee George R. Durham			
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh			

**Resolution No. 256-20**

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees from November 4 and November 18, 2020.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 257-20**

Resolved to approve the following 2021 tow car license applicants, and to designate July Auto Wrecking, Inc. as the Village's authorized tow car agent for abandoned vehicles for 2021 and waive its fees for tow car and operator registration.

TOW CAR BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS
AAAA-1 Auto & Towing	34 Charlotte Avenue, Hicksville, NY 11801
A1 Grand Auto Body Inc.	105 Herricks Road, Garden City Park, NY 11040
Albert Zolezzi Auto Body, Inc.	432 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY 11596
Always Towing Inc.	79 Herricks Road, Garden City Park, NY 11040
Barron Body Works	381 Sagamore Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501
C&N Auto Center	96 Jericho Turnpike, Floral Park, NY 11001
County Wide Towing Enforcement	534 Main Street, Westbury, NY 11590
Cross Fire Towing	88 Franklin Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580
Cross Island Wrecker Service, Inc.	635 Commercial Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530
Fagans Towing	22 Watermill Lane, Great Neck, NY 11021
Frame Auto Collision, Inc.	71 Denton Avenue, New Hyde Park, NY 11040
Grand Auto Body	98 Denton Avenue, Garden City Park, NY 11040
July Auto Wrecking, Inc.	20 First Street, Garden City Park, NY 11040
Nationwide Towing	2044 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY 11040
Nuzzi Brothers Auto Collision, Inc.	77 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY 11040
Sunset Towing Service	6 Carey Place, Port Washington, NY 11050
T&D Towing Corporation	162 Sea Cliff Avenue, Glen Cove, NY 11542
Tip Top Auto Body, Inc.	150 Denton Avenue, Garden City Park, NY 11040
Vintage Auto Body	81 Urban Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 258-20**

Resolved to approve the membership of the following candidate as recommended by the Mineola Fire Department:

Jose Edenilzon Guerra

Company 3

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

**Vote:**  
Yes No Abstain  
Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 259-20**

Resolved to set Commuter Parking Permit annual fee at \$95.00.

Motioned by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh  
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

**Vote:**  
Yes No Abstain  
Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 260-20**

Resolution temporarily permitting the Town of North Hempstead to air government access cable TV programming to Mineola franchise customers via Altice Channel 63, and authorizing the Mayor to execute and amend this agreement as necessary.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Seconded by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Vote:**  
Yes No Abstain  
Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 261-20**

Resolved to approve the following payment in the amount of \$133,285.00 from the Water Reserve Fund in FY 2020-2021:

VENDOR	AMOUNT	PROJECT
Web Construction Corp.	\$ 35,340.00	Well #1
J.K. Electric Co., Inc.	\$ 97,945.00	Well #1

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 262-20**

Resolved to authorize the Fire Service Award monthly payment of \$680.00 to Stephen D. McCarthy pursuant to the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) effective January 1, 2021.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 263-20**

Resolved to authorize the Fire Service Award monthly payment of \$340.00 to Sandy Sonera pursuant to the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) effective January 1, 2021.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 264-20**

Resolved to authorize and award the construction and installation of a new fire siren pole concrete foundation base based upon the lowest responsible proposal received.

Proposals received:  
Valente Contracting Corp.: \$13,500.00  
GGG Construction Corp.: \$15,075.00  
Pratt Brothers, Inc.: \$16,425.00

Recommend authorizing the lowest responsible proposal received from Valente Contracting Corp.

Funding Source(s): 2020/2021 General Fund Budget, General Fund  
Unreserved Fund Balance or Municipal Bond for Fire Department project

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

**Vote:**  

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
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Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

*Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen presented a department financial report for November 2020.*

*Mayor Strauss thanked the Department of Public Works for doing a great job decorating the tree and hanging the holiday lights along Village streets.*

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Work Session at 6:45 PM.**

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

**Vote:**  

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Public Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.**

**PRESENT:**  
Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**ALSO PRESENT:**  
Village Attorney John P. Gibbons, Jr.  
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Deputy Village Clerk Linda Pardo  
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini

**Press Observer:** None

**Sunshine Observers:** None

Mayor Scott P. Strauss stated that there will not be a tree lighting ceremony this year, but the tree was lit earlier this evening; announced that the Mineola Fire Department Operation Santa will begin December 10, adding that it will be a little different than previous years, but they will keep the tradition going; reviewed snow regulations; reminded residents to sign up for alerts on the village website; announced that there will be a water rate hearing December 9; reported that 2<sup>nd</sup> Street is closed at Willis Avenue and Main Street for the Third Track Project; encouraged residents to shop and eat locally; announced that parking meters will be suspended Saturdays from November 28 to January 2 on Jericho Turnpike, Mineola Boulevard, Willis Avenue, and streets connecting Mineola Boulevard and Willis Avenue for holiday shopping; commented that the pandemic is not over and to follow CDC guidelines.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira discussed how this holiday season will be different without the tree lighting ceremony with Santa, but aesthetically the Village looks very festive thanks to the Department of Public Works.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato reminded residents that there is still time to donate items at the two collection boxes at Mineola Memorial Library. Toys for Tots will run through December 16, and the Harry Chapin Food Drive will run through December 22.

Trustee George R. Durham stated that the Troop 45 Eagle Class of 2020 Court of Honor was unfortunately cancelled due to COVID, but the Eagle Scouts did receive their awards. Trustee Durham congratulated Connor Cunha, Timothy Franz, Robert Garcia, Sam Levitan, David Mulder, Christopher Scott, Robert Siemann and John P. Valente. Trustee Durham discussed how New York State 1, 4 dioxane regulations kicking in will affect consumer product sales because many will not meet regulations.

Trustee Dennis J. Walsh announced the passing of Ann Vaz who was a great part of our community; commented that Senior Appreciation Day was cancelled this year due to COVID like so many events; stated there was no mention in the press about the JFK assassination on November 22, and hoped that Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, will be remembered.

*No speakers addressed the Board*

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 7:42 PM.**

Motioned by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

**Vote:**

**Yes**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss

Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Trustee George R. Durham

Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**No**

**Abstain**