

**Minutes - Board Meeting 03/6/2013**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501.

- PRESENT:**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham
- ALSO PRESENT:**

Village Attorney John M. Spellman  
Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero  
Deputy Village Clerk Cora T. Kelly  
Village Treasurer Giacomo A. Ciccone  
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini  
Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen
- Press Observers:**

Rich Forestano, *Mineola American*  
Rich Tedesco, *Williston Times*  
Scott Eidler, *Newsday*  
Geoffrey Walter, *Patch .com*
- Sunshine Observers:**

10 Observers

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Work Session to order at 6:42 PM**

**Resolution No. 53-13**

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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

- Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham

**Resolution No. 54-13**

Resolved to approve the minutes from the meetings of the Board of Trustees of February 6, 2013, February 13, 2013 & February 20, 2013.

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

- Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham

**Resolution No. 55-13**

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Athletic Association (MAA) for use of the Community Center auditorium and a general purpose room for their Annual MAA Sports Picture Day Thursday, May 30, 2013 from 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Motioned by Trustee George R. Durham  
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham

**Resolution No. 56-13**

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Fire Department for budget transfers in the amount of \$1,179.50 between the following lines:

From: (Uniforms)	\$1,179.50
To : (Scott Masks)	<u>\$1,179.50</u>
Total to be transferred:	\$1,179.50

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

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham

*Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero announced that Village Election will be held at Village Hall Community Center on Tuesday March 19, 2013 from 6 AM – 9 PM.*

*Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini presented a progress report on the Bruce Terrace Flood Mitigation project; presented an update on costs related to Hurricane/Superstorm Sandy and projected FEMA re-imbursements of these costs; and updated the Board of Trustees on the progress being made on street light repairs regarding connections, fixture repair, and replacement.*

*Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen presented a monthly financial report for February 2013.*

*Village Attorney John M. Spellman stated that the lawsuit that was brought about by Arthur Smyles on the expansion of the day care center at 80 Herrick's Road was determined in the Village of Mineola's favor.*

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Work Session at 7:10 PM.**

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham

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

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Village Attorney John M. Spellman  
Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero  
Deputy Village Clerk Cora T. Kelly

**Press Observers:**

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**Sunshine Observers:**

20 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss congratulated the Irish American Society on its 2<sup>nd</sup> successful St. Patrick's Day Parade, thanking parade Chairman Jeff Clark, the Grand Marshall Patrick J. Sexton, the Department of Public Works, and the members of the Mineola Auxiliary Police for their hard work ensuring the success of this event. Mayor Strauss reminded residents of the snow ordinance and asked their cooperation; announced a partnership of sorts between the Mineola Memorial Library and the library in Mineola, Texas commenting that for March only there will be a display at [our] Mineola Memorial Library of items they have sent to us about their library and town and encouraged residents to stop by. Mayor Strauss reminded residents of the Mineola Junior Fire Department Pasta Dinner and encouraged participation, and reminded residents to change their smoke detector batteries when changing their clocks this weekend for Daylight Savings Time.

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther congratulated Chairman Jeff Clark and the entire Irish American Society on a wonderful parade, and thanked Piccolo Bussola restaurant for their support of the Mineola Junior Fire Department Pasta Dinner. Trustee Werther reported that at the Nassau County Village Officials Association (NCVOA) meeting it was reported that the Governor's proposed budget makes changes regarding Justice Court and the ability to plea bargain on offenses and encouraged residents to contact their Senators and Assemblyman to discourage this.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato thanked everyone involved in the St. Patrick's Day Parade; stated that he, Mayor Strauss, and Trustee Durham attended the Carle Place Civic Association meeting regarding the Bruce Terrace Flood Mitigation Project and gave an update regarding the Mineola portion of the project.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira congratulated the Irish American Society and Chairman Jeff Clarke on a wonderful parade event; announced that the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick are honoring Village Attorney John M. Spellman as their "Man of the Year" and congratulated him. Trustee Pereira reminded residents that the Mineola Portuguese Lion's Club is holding their Pancake Breakfast at the Portuguese Center March 24<sup>th</sup>, and reminded residents to vote on Election Day March 19, 2013.

Trustee George R. Durham reported on the Carle Place Civic Association meeting; attended a brunch hosted by Senator Jack M. Martins for the Daughters of Portugal at Jericho Terrace on Saturday March 2, 2013 which featured the Portuguese Secretary of State Dr. Teresa Morais as the speaker; attended the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and congratulated the Irish American Society and

Chairman Jeff Clark on a wonderful event.

*3 Speakers addressed the Board*

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 8:05 PM.**

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

**Vote:**

<u><b>Yes</b></u>	<u><b>No</b></u>	<u><b>Abstain</b></u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		