

## Minutes - Board Meeting 01/16/2013

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, January 16, 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

**Press Observer:** Rich Tedesco, *Williston Times*  
Scott Eidler, *Newsday*  
Geoffrey Water, *Patch .com*

**Sunshine Observers:** 11 Observers

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

### Resolution No. 18-13

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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

#### **Vote:**

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

### Resolution No. 19-13

Resolved to approve a request by the County Seat Kiwanis for the use of the Community Center auditorium on Saturday, February 2, 2013 from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM and Sunday, February 3, 2013 from 6:00 AM to 1:00 PM for a Pancake Breakfast.

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 Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

**Resolution No. 20-13**

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Junior Fire Department for the use of the Community Center on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 8:00 AM and Sunday, March 10, 2013 from 8:00AM – 5:00 PM for its 17th Annual Pasta Dinner.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
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. 21-13**

Resolved to affix the date and polling location for the 2013 Village Election.

WHEREAS, the third Tuesday in March in each and every year is determined and fixed by the Village Law as the date for the holding of the Annual Village Election, except when this day falls on March 17 (in which it will be held on Wednesday, March 18).

AND, WHEREAS, the said date will be **March 19, 2013**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual Village Election for the Village of Mineola shall be held on the third **TUESDAY** in March 2013, namely **March 19**, from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm for the purpose of electing the following officers for the term set opposite thereto respectively:

**VILLAGE MAYOR – TWO (2)-YEAR TERM**  
**VILLAGE TRUSTEE – TWO (2)-YEAR TERM**  
**VILLAGE TRUSTEE – TWO (2)-YEAR TERM**

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Election be held in the following designated place:

MINEOLA COMMUNITY CENTER  
Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, NY

By Order of the Board of Trustees of the  
Incorporated Village of Mineola

Joseph R. Scalero  
Village Clerk

DATED: JANUARY 16, 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

*Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero presented a December 2012 Justice Court report and reminded residents that Village Hall will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2013 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. day. Village Clerk Scalero announced that the Village of Mineola Municipal*

Code in now online on our Website.

Resolution No. 22-13

Resolved to approve the 2012-13 General Fund intra-departmental budget transfers:

General Fund				INCREASE	DECREASE
Dues & Conferences		10141048000		\$ 330.42	
Supplies Painting		10164040621		\$ 153.50	
Maintenance of Equip.10168045508		10168045508		\$ 2,738.76	
Rental Equipment		10364042002		\$ 80.00	
Repairs Buildings		10364045507		\$ 451.00	
Tree Program		10511044202		\$ 7,611.00	
Repairs Equipment		10511045513		\$ 1,526.70	
Repairs Buildings		10714045507		\$ 22,300.29	
Repairs Ballfield		10714045515		\$ 3,365.45	
Rep-Fields/playgrounds		10714045559		\$ 10,162.00	
Uniforms		10718040900		\$ 1,793.00	
Supplies Manhole		10812040637		\$ 3,050.00	
Repairs Laterals		10812045562		\$ 20,200.00	
CD Debris Disposal		10816043305		\$ 1,054.82	
Unemployment Insurance		10905083200		\$ 9,927.58	
Contincency		10199046500			\$ 84,744.52

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. 23-13

Resolved to approve the 2012-13 Water Fund intra-departmental budget transfers:

Water Fund				INCREASE	DECREASE
Oil Heat Cost		20831040500		\$ 1,986.89	
Repairs-Building		20831045507		\$ 3,272.22	
Repairs-Valves&boxes		20831045549		\$ 340.50	
Contingency		20831046500			\$ 5,599.61

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

**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. 24-13

Resolved to approve the 2012-13 Pool Fund intra-departmental budget transfers:

Pool Fund				INCREASE	DECREASE
Personal Services		40718010000		\$1,057.86	
Supplies-Misc.		40718040618		\$ 873.14	
Rental-Transportation		40718042009		\$ 412.00	
NYS Retirement		40718082800		\$ 782.00	
Contingency		40718046500			\$ 3,125.00

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

**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. 25-13

Resolved to approve a transfer of funds in fiscal year 2012/2013 from Capital Projects Fund to General Fund in the amount of \$1,054.00 in reference to Bond Anticipation Notes 2012 Series A.

Motioned by Trustee George R. Durham  
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. 26-13

Resolved to approve a transfer of funds in fiscal year 2012/2013 from Capital Projects Fund to Pool Fund in the amount of \$6,949.64 in reference to Bond Anticipation Notes 2012 Series A.

Motioned by Trustee George R. Durham  
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. 27-13**

Resolved to approve July Auto Wrecking, Inc. as the Village of Mineola's authorized tow car agent for the towing and storage of abandoned vehicles.

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. 28-13**

Resolved to approve the expansion of the curb cut and driveway apron at 125 Roslyn Road, on Searing Avenue, to 16 feet.

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

**Resolution No. 29-13**

Resolved to approve the closing of the existing 8-foot curb cut and opening a new 16 foot curb just north of the exiting curb cut at 56 Colonial Avenue, on Strand Place.

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

**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 requested a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:50 PM**

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
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

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:04 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

**Resolution No. 30-13**

Resolved to accept the resignation of Department of Public Works laborer Amilcar Lopes and to approve a lump-sum separation payout of \$9,528.87 for unused accumulated time in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

**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. 31-13**

Resolved to transfer a laborer position within the Department of Public Works from the Parks Department budget to Highway Department budget.

Motioned by Trustee George R. Durham  
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. 32-13**

Resolved to approve a request to post for two laborer positions within the Department of Public Works highway department.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
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

*Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini reminded residents of the Holiday Sanitation Schedule for Monday, January 21, 2013 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.*

*Village Attorney John M. Spellman recommended the Board of Trustees consider the following resolution:*

**Resolution No. 33-13**

Resolved to appoint Gerard Loughran, Esq. as a Hearing Officer and John M Donnelly, Esq. as Special Counsel relative to a disciplinary appeal made to the Board of Trustees.

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 requested a motion to close the Work Session at 7:07 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 7:35 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  
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini

**Press Observer:**

Rich Tedesco, *Williston Times*  
Scott Eidler, *Newsday*  
Geoffrey Water, *Patch .com*

**Sunshine Observers:**

16 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss reported that he met with Launch Pad LI, an organization dedicated to assisting new and existing businesses which has decided to headquarter themselves in Mineola; stated that he met with the Superintendent of the Mineola School District, Dr. Nagler; attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new law firm, Parente & Ferro, and wished them well; met with Inspector Sean McCarthy Commanding Officer of the Nassau County 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct; attended the monthly Chamber of Commerce meeting at which, Inspector McCarthy spoke about the merger of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> precincts and the Nassau County Police Department's response to Hurricane Sandy. Mayor Strauss again reminded residents of the snow ordinance and requested their cooperation; dispelled the rumor that any resident in the Bruce Terrace area would lose their home as a result of the flood mitigation project; and requested residents be patient with our streetlight repairs, as it has been difficult to locate the necessary parts in bulk following Hurricane Sandy.

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther reported that he attended the monthly Chamber of Commerce meeting and stated that it was announced that the "Taste & Style of Mineola" event would be held this year on November 14, 2013, and that the Mineola Street Fair has been tentatively set for September 8, 2013. Trustee Werther stated that Chamber of Commerce President Bill Greene announced that the Chamber would again like to sponsor "movie night in the park" in July this year.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato reported that he attended the Mineola Historical Society meeting and announced that Neil Young has resigned as President and that Vice President Tom Murtha will be acting President until the next officer’s election. Trustee Cusato reported that the Society is planning to hold a display of digitally enhanced photos at the Mineola Memorial Library and will request residents’ help in identifying photos. Trustee Cusato congratulated Nassau County Legislator Richard Nicoletto on his appointment as Deputy Presiding Officer; reminded residents of the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Mineola Junior Fire Department Pasta Dinner on March 10<sup>th</sup>, and the Mineola Fire Department’s 2013 Fund Drive. Trustee Cusato thanked the Chaminade community for their assistance to those in need in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira reported he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Parente & Ferro and wished them well; attended the Nassau County Village Officials Association (NCVOA) monthly meeting and commented on the presentation regarding aircraft noise abatement and flight plans. Trustee Pereira reminded residents to sign up for email alerts on our website and that the Mineola Village Code is now available on our website.

Trustee George R. Durham reminded residents that the Mineola Athletic Association spring registrations are now open and reminded coaches to sign up for the AED/CPR training courses; announced that Boy Scouts of America Troop 45 will be defending its title in the Klondike Derby on January 26, 2013 and that the Boy Scouts of America Troop 45 will be holding their Eagle Court of Honor on April 12, 2013 previously delayed by Hurricane Sandy.

*4 Speakers addressed the Board*

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 8:15 PM.**

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

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