

Minutes - Board Meeting –02/15/2012

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, February 15, 2012 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
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini

Press Observer: Rich Forestano, *Mineola American*
Timothy Meyers, *Williston Times*
Geoffrey Walter, *Patch .com*

Sunshine Observers: 15 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Work Session to order at 6:35 PM

Resolution No. 37-12

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato
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		

1st Assistant Chief Jeffery Clark of the Mineola Fire Department presented a January 2012 status report on the Fire Department activities.

Resolution No. 38-12

Resolved to approve a request to re-post for a full time Building Inspector position within the Building Department with a starting salary in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
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		

Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero presented a January 2012 Justice Court report.

Resolution No. 39-12

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Fire Department for budget transfers in the amount of \$3,500.00 from the following lines:

From:	(OSHA Medicals)	\$1,000.00
To :	(Scott Masks)	\$1,000.00
From:	(Hose & Equipment)	\$1,500.00
From:	(OSHA Medicals)	\$1,000.00
To :	(Equipment)	\$2,500.00

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

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. 40-12

Resolved to approve the 2011-12 intra-departmental budget transfers:

Account Name	General Fund Account Number	Amount	
		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Storm Sewers - Repairs - Basins	10814045504	\$6,013.47	
Storm Sewers - Rental Equipment	10814042002		\$525.00
Storm Sewers - Storm Water Phsase II	10814042100		\$488.47
Storm Sewers - Repairs - Drain Covers	10814045511		\$1,000.00
Storm Sewers - Repairs - Equipment	10814045513		\$1,500.00
Stoem Sewers - Maintenance - Basins	10814045526		\$2,500.00
		<u>\$6,013.47</u>	<u>\$6,013.47</u>

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

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. 41-12

Resolved to award the contract for the 2012 Miscellaneous Concrete Repairs on Village Roadways Requirements Contract to the lowest bidder, Roadwork Ahead, Inc. in the amount of \$326,200.00 based on the bids received:

Roadwork Ahead, Inc.	\$326,200.00
Valente Contracting, Inc.	\$344,720.00
A.L.A.C. Contracting Corp.	\$345,678.90
John McGowan & Sons, Inc.	\$399,000.00
J. Anthony Enterprises	\$425,150.00
New York Paving, Inc.	\$438,650.00
E. Cook Industries, Inc.	\$503,089.00

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

Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero announced that nominations were now closed for the March 20, 2012 Village Election and reported that this year there would be an uncontested election. Village Clerk Scalero added that under state law an election must still be conducted and urged residents to vote on March 20th.

Resolution No. 42-12

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:50 PM

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

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

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:40 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. 43-12

Resolved to approve the promotion of Gary Tuthill to the position of Supervisor in the Water & Sewer Department with a \$4,000.00 salary increase with a performance review after six months.

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

Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini reminded residents of the upcoming Holiday Sanitation Schedule in observance of Presidents Day on February 20, 2012.

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Work Session at 7:50 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 7:50 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 Forestano, *Mineola American*
Rich Tedesco, *Williston Times*
Geoffrey Walter, *Patch.com*

Sunshine Observers:

26 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss stated that he, Benjamin Truncale, Esq., and Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero attended a meeting with the Town of North Hempstead regarding the Bruce Terrace Flood Mitigation project and presented an update on that project, commented that plans are being made to paint the Community Center and the large American Flag has been taken down and will be put back up after painting is completed. Mayor Strauss condemned the graffiti incident that occurred during the weekend of February 10, 2012, stating that the Village of Mineola will prosecute anyone found to be involved in these crimes and announced that a reward is in place for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of those involved. Residents can call 1-800-244-TIPS if they have any information.

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther also commented on the graffiti incident, congratulated Gary Tuthill on his promotion, and commented that due to the current New York State redistricting plan the Village of Mineola will lose the services of one of our State Assemblymembers, Tom McKevitt. Trustee Werther added that a smaller portion of the Village of Mineola will be represented by State Assemblywoman Michele Schimel and recommended residents write to the

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver to voice their concerns. Trustee Werther thanked Senator Jack M. Martins on sponsoring two pieces of legislation that will benefit Mineola, the first to exempt villages from the MTA payroll tax, and the second to allow villages to use lever voting machines in village elections.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato thanked the Kiwanis Club for the great job organizing their annual Pancake Breakfast; reminded residents to support the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 4, 2012, and encouraged residents to support the Mineola Junior Fire Department's Annual Pasta Dinner on Sunday, March 11, 2012 from 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira denounced the recent graffiti incident and thanked Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini, Chaminade High School, and others who responded so quickly to remove the graffiti. Trustee Pereira encouraged residents to come out and enjoy the St. Patrick's Day Parade and support those marching.

Trustee George R. Durham echoed the remarks of Mayor Scott P. Strauss and fellow trustees regarding the graffiti incident and encouraged anyone who knows or saw something to call the TIPS line. Trustee Durham announced that he attended Boy Scouts Pack 246's Blue & Gold dinner with Mayor Scott P. Strauss and Senator Jack M. Martins; attended and enjoyed the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast and encouraged residents to march in or support the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Mineola Junior Fire Department's Pasta Dinner.

6 Speakers addressed the Board

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 8:25 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
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