

**Minutes - Board Meeting – 12/7/2011**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, December 7, 2011 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 Buildings Daniel B. Whalen
- Press Observer:**

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

14 Observers

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Work Session to order at 6:50 PM**

**Resolution No. 265-11**

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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. 266-11**

Resolved to approve the minutes from the meetings of the Board of Trustees of November 2, 2011, November 9, 2011 & November 16, 2011.

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. 267-11**

Resolved to approve a request by the Evening Star Quilters for use of a general purpose room on Saturday, January 7, 2012 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM for a workshop session.

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. 268-11**

Resolved to approve a request by the Evening Star Quilters for use of a general purpose room on the following Saturday dates from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM for the Guild member-to-member teaching sessions:

January 21, 2012  
February 18, 2012  
March 17, 2012

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. 269-11**

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Junior Fire Department for the use of the Community Center on Sunday, March 11, 2012 for its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Pasta Dinner from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM and to approve access to the Community Center on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 8:00 AM to set up for this event.

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

*Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero presented the Board of Trustee with an updated status report regarding the re-development of the Village's website.*

**Resolution No 270-11**

Resolved to authorize a \$500.00 monthly benefit payout from the Fire Service Award Fund to Mineola Fire Department Volunteer Firefighter, Michael J. DeSorbo, pursuant to the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) effective January 1, 2012.

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. 271-11**

Resolved to approve a request for a 90-day extension of Work Permit No.1455 issued for 205 Mineola Boulevard.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
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. 272-11**

Resolved to approve a request for a 90-day extension of Building Permit No. 0832 issued for 75 Windsor Avenue.

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

*Superintendent of Buildings Daniel J. Whalen presented an update on 210 Old Country Road stating that this project is approaching completion and also presented a monthly department financial report for November 2011.*

**Resolution No. 273-11**

Resolved to approve and ratify the total payment of \$32,450.00 (\$27,765.00 to the claimant and \$4,685.00 to his attorney) to employee Victor Lisboa pursuant to an award made by the Workers' Compensation Board by decision of November 15, 2011.

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. 274-11**

Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola, as Lead Agency, hereby declares the application of 7 Roselle Corp. for a special use permit to establish a fitness facility at 7 Roselle Street to be an unlisted action and issues a negative declaration under SEQRA. The public hearing on this matter will be held on January 11, 2012.

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. 275-11**

Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola, as Lead Agency, hereby declares the application of Jean Yang for a special use permit to establish a semi-private personal training facility at 153A Jericho Turnpike to be an unlisted action and issues a negative declaration under SEQRA. The public hearing on this matter will be held on December 14, 2011.

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

**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		

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:55 PM**

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

**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		

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:35 PM.**

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		

Mayor Scott P. Strauss stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Work Session at 7:35 PM.**

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

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 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  
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Mayor Scott P. Strauss thanked the Mineola posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion for their efforts in organizing the Veterans Day Ceremony; thanked the Chamber of Commerce for organizing the Mineola Taste & Style event; commended village staff for their efforts in organizing the Mineola Tree Lighting Ceremony, and thanked the Chaminade High School students and the Mineola Junior Fire Department for their participation. Mayor Strauss stated that the Boy Scouts of America Troop 45 celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Portuguese American Club celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and congratulated both organizations. Mayor Strauss reminded everyone of the Snow Emergency rules and asked for residents' cooperation whenever snow falls. Mayor Strauss wished everyone a happy, healthy holiday season.

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther congratulated the Chamber of Commerce on a very successful Mineola Taste & Style event; announced that the Nassau Pops Concert is on December 18, 2011 at Chaminade High School; reported on legislative action in Albany regarding the MTA payroll tax and the 2% Tax Levy Cap override. Trustee Werther commented on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato reported on the Veterans Day Ceremony; commented on both the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Portuguese American Club and the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boy Scouts of America Troop 45 and congratulating them both. Trustee Cusato stated that he and Mayor Strauss attended the Police Athletic Association (PAL) football graduation ceremony and thanked the coaches for their efforts on behalf of the children of our village. Trustee Cusato reminded residents that the "Toys for Tots" program has begun and that "Operation Santa" is underway. Trustee Cusato gave a monthly report on Mineola Fire Department activities; commended the Chamber of Commerce on their successful Taste & Style fundraiser; and wished all residents Happy Holidays.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira thanked Mineola High School students for participating in a “flash” community service project to clean Memorial Park; announced that he attended the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 45 and commented what a wonderful event it was; attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mineola Portuguese Club and offered his congratulations; attended the Mineola Tree Lighting Ceremony, and thanked village staff for their efforts in organizing it. Trustee Pereira thanked the coaches and staff of the Police Athletic Association (PAL) football league for their hard work with our children. Trustee Pereira wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Trustee George R. Durham congratulated the Chamber of Commerce on the Mineola Taste & Style event; congratulated Boy Scouts of America Troop 45 on its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and also congratulated the Mineola Portuguese Club on its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Trustee Durham commended all those who helped make the Mineola Tree Lighting Ceremony a success; reminded residents of the Mineola Athletic Association’s Christmas tree sale, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*6 Speakers addressed the Board*

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 8:00PM.**

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		