

**Minutes - Board Meeting – 11/2//2011**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, November 2, 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  
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini  
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 6:45 PM**

**Resolution No. 247-11**

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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

**Resolution No. 248-11**

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Police Activity League (P.A.L.) for the use of the Community Center auditorium on Thursdays and Fridays from 6:15 PM - 9:30 PM January 5, 2012 - April 5, 2012 to conduct its winter Lacrosse program.

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

*Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero announced that Village Hall will be closed for Election Day on November 8, 2011 and for Veteran’s Day November 11, 2011 and stated that the holiday collection schedule will be in effect on those two days.*

**Resolution No 249-11**

Resolved to approve a request from Nassau County Department of Public Works to connect to the village water main on Old Country Road for fire protection service for the 1 West Street property.

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. 250-11**

Resolved to authorize the removal of a handicap reserved parking space in front of 9 Colonial Avenue, Mineola, at the request of the abutting homeowner.

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		

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:57 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 requested a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:27 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		

**Resolution No. 251-11**

Resolved to approve the hiring of Gabriel Fernandes to the position of Laborer in the Highway Department at a starting salary in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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. 252-11**

Resolved to approve a request to create and post for a supervisory position in the Water & Sewer Department.

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 B. Whalen presented a monthly financial report for October 2011 and reported on the proliferation of clothing drop boxes on commercial properties. Superintendent Whalen advised residents to use drop boxes at churches and synagogues and to inform the Building Department of other drop boxes, so that they can address this issue.

*Mayor Scott P. Strauss announced that on December 14, 2011 there will be two hearings, the first one will be to enact a Local Law creating Chapter 30B to be entitled "Planning Board" and the second will be to enact a Local Law on the Property Tax Levy in excess of the 2% Property Tax Levy Cap and he encouraged the residents to attend this meeting.*

**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 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

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

**Sunshine Observers:** 17 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss announced that he and Trustee Cusato attended the Firematic Awards honoring 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Jeffery Clark with the 2011 Town of Hempstead Firematic Award and congratulated him; commented that the Halloween Party was a great success, thanked Marta DeSousa and Anna Athan for a job well done as well as the Mineola High School students, Mineola Junior Fire Department and village employees that helped make this so successful. Mayor Strauss commented on the recent snow storm that occurred, and on how prepared the Department of Public Works was and thanked Superintendent Thomas J. Rini and his staff for their efforts. Mayor Strauss announced that Tuesday, November 8, 2011 is Election Day and encouraged all residents to vote; stated that November 11, 2011 Village Hall will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day and noted that the Veterans of Foreign Wars/American Legion Veteran's Day Ceremony will start at 11:00 AM at Memorial Park. Mayor Strauss stated that November 16, 2011 the Mineola Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the "Taste and Style of Mineola" at Jericho Terrace at 6:00 PM and announced that in order to support that event, there would only be a Work Session that evening. Mayor Strauss announced that Monday November 21, 2011 is Senior Appreciation Day which will be held in the Community Center and further announced that the Mineola Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held at Village Hall on December 2, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Mayor Strauss wished all residents a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther stated that Mineola Chamber of Commerce "Taste & Style" event being held on November 16<sup>th</sup> at Jericho Terrace supports our local organizations and encouraged all residents to participate. Trustee Werther reminded residents to get their flu shot this year, especially senior citizens; commented how wonderful the Halloween Party was and commended the staff for their efforts; encouraged all residents to come to the Veteran's Day ceremony; and, suggested that residents may wish to lodge a complaint with County Legislator Richard Nicoletto and County Executive Edward Mangano regarding the potential closure of two Nassau County police precincts.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato thanked Marta DeSousa and Anna Athan for their efforts in organizing the Halloween party, commenting that was a great event; presented an updated report on the Mineola Fire Department activities, and reminded our residents of the "Toy's for Tots" program that will be starting soon and requested their support.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira thanked all volunteers for their efforts and assistance at the Halloween Party and complimented Marta DeSousa and Anna Athan on another successful event. Trustee Pereira stated that on Friday October 21, 2011 he attended the 110th Anniversary of Corpus Christi Church, where Maryann Iaquinto and Antonio Martins were honored for their devotion to Corpus Christi Church and congratulated John S. DaVanzo on being honored with the Rockville Centre diocese's highest civilian award the "St. Agnes Medal of Service". Trustee Pereira reminded residents of Election Day and the importance of their participation; encouraged residents to attend the Veteran's Day Ceremony; and wished all residents a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee George R. Durham thanked and congratulated both the staff and the volunteers whose efforts made the Halloween celebration such a success; announced that he and Mayor Scott P. Strauss attended a meeting of the Carle Place Civic Association regarding the Bruce Terrace flood mitigation project, and reported on its status. Trustee Durham announced that Boy Scout Troop 45 will be celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 26, 2011.

*4 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

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

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