

Minutes - Board Meeting – 07/6/2011

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, July 6, 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*
Geoffrey Walter, *Patch .com*
- Sunshine Observers:**

11 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Work Session to order at 6:45 PM.

Resolution No. 144-10

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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. 145-11

Resolved to approve the minutes from the meetings of the Board of Trustees of June 1, 2011, June 8, 2011 and June 15, 2011, as amended.

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 146-11

Resolved to approve a request of the Mineola Union Free School District for the use of the John S. DaVanzo Community Pool for its Special Education Summer Program from 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM on the following Monday’s:

July 11, 2011
July 18, 2011

July 25, 2011
August 1, 2011

August 8, 2011

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

Resolution No. 147-11

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Golden Age Club for the use of the Community Center auditorium on Thursdays from September 8, 2011 – June 21, 2012 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, a general purpose room for line dancing instruction and an exercise program on Mondays from 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM, and a general purpose room for Arts and Crafts on Mondays from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM.

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. 148-11

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Golden Age Club for the use of a general purpose room for a board meeting on Thursday July 14, 2011 from 10:30 AM -12:30 PM and a general purpose room for new member registration Thursday August 11, 2011 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 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. 149-11

Resolved to approve the membership of the following candidates as recommended by the Mineola Fire Department:

Nicolas Conway	Company 1
David Dell Italia	Company 1
John Reedy	Company 1

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. 150-11

Resolved to approve the request by Mineola Lodge No. 985 of the Free and Accepted Masons for the use of the Wilson Park picnic area for their annual family picnic on Sunday, September 18, 2011 (Raindate: Sunday 9/25/2011) from 10:00 AM – 5:00 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. 151-11

Resolved to approve the request by Winthrop University Hospital for the use of the Community Center auditorium for its 2011-2012 wellness education program series, “Health Update for Seniors and Their Families” from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM on the following dates:

September 14, 2011	March 14, 2012
October 12, 2011	April 11, 2012
November 9, 2011	May 9, 2012
December 14, 2011	June 13, 2012

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

Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini presented a departmental report on various projects and activities.

Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen presented a departmental report on various projects and activities.

Resolution No. 151A-11

Resolved to approve the expansion of the number of electrical inspection companies within the village under Village Code Chapter 26, Article V, Subsection 26.51 to five (5) companies and to authorize two (2) additional independent inspection companies to perform electrical inspections with the Village under Village Code Chapter 26, Article V, Subsection 26.51.

Alliance Electrical Inspection Limited

LI Electrical Inspector, Inc.

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. 152-11

Resolved that the Board of Trustees declare itself lead agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) on the construction and maintenance of the Winthrop University Hospital Research Development Center building and to declare the application of the Winthrop University Hospital Research Development Center for a special use permit, at the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Mineola Boulevard and Second Street, an unlisted action with a negative declaration under the New York State Environment Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

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 7:25 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 7:45 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*
Geoffrey Walter, *Patch .com*
Timothy Meyer, *Williston Times*

Sunshine Observers: 25 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss reminded residents to utilize the pool now open for the season; announced that Boy Scout Troop 45 is celebrating 90 years of service this year; stated that he attended the 8th grade award ceremony at the Mineola Middle School and congratulated all of the awardees as well as the entire 8th grade class and wished them well. Mayor Strauss stated that, thanks to the efforts of Senator Jack M. Martins, the Village of Mineola will be receiving \$800,000.00 from the State to mitigate the flooding issues at Bruce Terrace. Mayor Strauss also stated that the Village of Mineola is the recipient of a \$100,000.00 grant award that would help pay for the roofs at Village Hall and the Mineola Fire Department Headquarters and commented that Senator Martins is working on getting us another \$100,000.00 as was planned from the previous Senate session. Mayor Strauss commented that the Nassau Pops Concert and village fireworks show on July 1, 2011 was a spectacular event and reminded residents that the Nassau Pops will be performing again (without fireworks) on July 22, 2011 at Memorial Park. Mayor Strauss announced that Wednesday July 13, 2011 there will be a Public Hearing at 6:30 pm on the application of Winthrop University Hospital Research Center building as well as a second Public Hearing on a children's birthday party business on Jericho Turnpike and encouraged everyone to attend this meeting. Mayor Strauss announced that the Village of Mineola's 9-11 Memorial Service will be held this year on September 10, 2011 and added that more details will follow as it gets closer.

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther reiterated that the performance by the Nassau Pops on July 1, 2011 was superb and the fireworks were great. Trustee Werther expressed his gratitude to Mayor Mary Bossart of the Village of Rockville Centre for her leadership as President of the Nassau County Village Officials Association (NCVOA) and stated that Mayor Ralph Kreitzman of the Village of Great Neck will be assuming this position and extended his congratulations. Trustee Werther reported that the 2% tax levy cap legislation was passed by the New York State Legislature and contained no meaningful mandate relief and will make things difficult for local governments. Trustee Werther further reported that the provisions to override the tax levy cap requires the passage of local laws and will be operationally difficult given budget timetables. Trustee Werther stated that Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy contacted the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) regarding cable TV rules and regulations and expressed the necessity of local governments to be able to regulate right-of-way issues and as a result three of the five FCC committees have committed to consider local issues and to be sensitive to these issues when considering any changes.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato commented on how nice it was to see such a large turnout of residents for the Nassau Pops Concert and the fireworks show afterwards.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira congratulated the Mineola High School class of 2011 and wished them well. Trustee Pereira also commented on how wonderful the Nassau Pops Concert and fireworks were and thanked the employees and everyone involved for their efforts to insure a good time for all.

Trustee George R. Durham stated that he attended the Mineola Fire Department celebration of Firefighter Peter Fagioli's 50 years of service to the community and thanked him for his service. Trustee Durham also stated that he attended the Portuguese Heritage Society with the Mayor and commented how nice the event was. Trustee Durham congratulated both the Mineola Storm for winning the Division "A" softball championship and the Mineola Lightning for winning the Division "B" championship. Trustee Durham thanked everyone involved with Nassau Pops Concert and fireworks show as it was a great evening.

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:35 PM.

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

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:00 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 George R. Durham

Mayor Scott P. Strauss stated that no action will be taken following the Executive Session and announced that Trustee Paul A. Pereira was excused as he had personal emergency.

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 9:00PM.

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 George R. Durham