

**Minutes - Board Meeting – 05/04/2011**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, May 4, 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 Public Works Thomas J. Rini  
Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen

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

**Sunshine Observers:** 14 Observers

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

**Resolution No. 93-11**

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

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

**Resolution No. 94-11**

Resolved to approve the minutes from the meetings of the Board of Trustees of April 4, 2011, April 6, 2011, April 11, 2011, April 13, 2011, and April 20, 2011, as amended.

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

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

**Resolution No 95-11**

Resolved to approve a request by the Knights of Columbus for the use of the Wilson Park picnic area for their annual picnic on Saturday, August 13, 2011 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 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. 96-11**

Resolved to approve a request by the Kiwanis Club of County Seat to close Beebe Road from Jackson Avenue to Jericho Turnpike, Sunday, May 15, 2011 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM for their 3rd Annual Bicycle Safety Day subject to the following conditions: the closure is to be limited to the commercial area south of Jericho Turnpike to the adjacent village parking lot which will be closed and made available for the event, and that advance notice be given by the host committee to adjoining residents of Beebe Road.

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. 97-11**

Resolved to approve a request from the Mineola Library Board to rename the Mineola Library Community Room in memory of former Library Board member Ann Hurley.

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. 98-11**

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Middle School for use of the Mineola Memorial Park gazebo and surrounding area on Wednesday June 8, 2010 and Thursday June 9, 2011 from 8:00 AM – 2:41 PM to conduct their annual “Shakespeare in the Park” performance.

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. 99-11**

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Alheirense Cultural Center to close the one-way entrance on Willis Avenue to Field #2 and to close parking spaces #46-52 on Sunday May 29, 2011 from 8 AM – 9 PM for their annual picnic.

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. 100-11**

Resolved to approve a request of Corpus Christi Church to use village streets for a Devotional Procession on Friday May 13, 2010 from approximately 8:45 PM – 10:00 PM utilizing the following route:

Garfield Avenue East to Willis Avenue  
South to Second Street  
North on Willis Avenue to Garfield Avenue  
West to Corpus Christi Church

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. 101-11**

Resolved to approve the request of the Mineola Chamber of Commerce to conduct their Street Fair on September 25, 2011 (Raindate: October 2, 2011), in the expanded area to include Mineola Blvd from Harrison Avenue to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street as presented to the Board at the April 6, 2011 meeting.

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

Resolution No. 102-11

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Fire Department for a budget transfer in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the following lines:

From:	(FIRE PREVENTION	)	\$1,000.00
To :	(COMPUTERS	)	\$1,000.00
From:	(FIRE PREVENTION	)	\$ 500.00
TO :	(SCOTT MASK)		\$ 500.00

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. 103-11

Resolved to approve the following 2010/2011 Library fund transfers:

Library Fund  
2010 / 2011

Account Name	Account Number	Increase	Decrease
Equipment	30741020001	6,998.22	
Audio & Video Recording	30741020006	1,538.72	
Periodicals	30741020008	1,833.07	
Stationery & Printing	30741040400	493.06	
Supplies - Miscellaneous	30741040618	6,779.38	
Legal Costs	30741043200	250.00	
Repairs - Buildings	30741045507	7,896.66	
Dues & Conferences	30741048000	56.00	
NYS Retirement	30741082800	7,756.00	
Social Security	30741083300	1,057.82	
Books - Adults	30741020003		8,164.19
Books - Children	30741020004		1,040.06
Electronic Databases	30741020009		5,690.98
Reference Books	30741020010		800.40
Computer Services	30741020011		170.00
ALIS - Borrowing Charge	30741040700		1,340.81
Utilities - Electricity	30741041600		7,001.28
Programs	30741043400		744.32
Programs - Children	30741043401		54.94



**Resolution No. 106-11**

Resolved to approve electrical contractor, Aragona Electrical Contractors, to make emergency repairs in the pump house at the John S. DaVanzo Community Pool for a total estimated cost of \$6,000.00.

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

**Resolution No. 107-11**

Resolved to authorize the one year contract extension for the Concrete Requirements Contract vendor New York Paving, Inc at the existing pricing, terms and conditions for the remainder of the one-year contract extension period ending May 31, 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

**Resolution No. 108-11**

Resolved to authorize the Superintendent of Public Works to attend the Cornell Local Roads Superintendent School June 6, 2011 – June 8, 2011 in Ithaca, New York.

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. 109-11**

Resolved to authorize a public bid for roof repair/replacement at Village Hall and Fire Department facilities.

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 presented a departmental report on the status of the tree removals, road repairs and the conditioning of the athletic fields.

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:20 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 requested a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:35 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

**Resolution No. 110-11**

Resolved to approve the list of 2011 proposed seasonal employees and salaries for the pool and recreational programs.

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. 111-11**

Resolved to approve the hiring of Jessie Ward as Laborer in the Building Maintenance 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

Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen presented a monthly department financial report for April 2011.

**Resolution No. 112-11**

**WHEREAS**, certain Mineola Volunteer Firefighters, pursuant to the Incorporated Village of Mineola Service Award Program, have earned Post-Entitlement Age Service Credit during the 2010 year;

**WHEREAS**, as stated in the Incorporated Village of Mineola Service Award Program Plan Document, these participants are now eligible to be paid an annual \$240.00 lump sum for the rest of their lifetime;

**WHEREAS**, Penflex, Inc. has provided the names and address of the eligible participants;

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola, pursuant to the Incorporated Village of Mineola Service Award Program, authorizes RBC Wealth Management to issue the lump-sum payment of \$240.00 to the following participants:

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|------------------|----------------------|
| James Carlson    | William O’Connell    |
| Joseph Conlon    | Daniel Redmond       |
| Walter Crosby    | Louis Santosus, Jr   |
| Arlindo Cunha    | Joseph Sellitto, Jr  |
| Paul Cusato      | Stephen Stolarik, Sr |
| Martin Dawber    | Joseph Tartaglia     |
| Donald Franz     | Lawrence Ueland      |
| William Gresalfi |                      |

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. 113-11**

Resolved to award a 3.8 % salary increase commensurate with the recently ratified employee Collective Bargaining Agreement increase, effective June 1, 2011, to the following Confidential Employees:

Joseph Scalero  
Cora T. Kelly  
Giacomo Ciccone  
Donna Gallo  
Thomas Rini  
Leonard Palumbo  
Marta DeSousa  
Anna Athans  
Daniel Whalen  
Keith Gessner  
John Chilcott  
Charles Sleaf

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 7:45 PM.**

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

**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 Building Daniel B. Whalen

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

**Sunshine Observers:** 21 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss stated that he attended a Mineola Chamber of Commerce meeting where speaker County Executive Ed Mangano reported that the re-organization of the Nassau County Police Department has not yet been completed and as of now decisions regarding precinct closures and/or program changes have not yet been finalized. Any rumors regarding the closure of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct are at this point speculation. Mayor Strauss announced that the Irish American Society honored Mineola Fire Department Chief Jeff Clark and his wife Maureen as “Couple of the Year” and congratulated them. Mayor Strauss stated that the Work Session scheduled for May 11, 2011 has been cancelled, but the Public Hearing for the same date will be held and that the meeting scheduled for May 18, 2011 would be cancelled in its entirety due to a conflict with “The Night on the Town” event being sponsored by the Mineola Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Strauss reminded everyone of Bicycle Safety Day on May 15, 2011 and encouraged participation. Mayor Strauss wished all mothers a happy Mother’s Day and reminded everyone of the Mineola Memorial Day Parade starting at 11:00 AM on May 30, 2011 at Wilson Park and proceeding to Memorial Park.

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther commented on the War on Terror and the courage of our armed forces; stated that there are several locations within our village where red light cameras are either in place or scheduled to be placed; reported that the clock at TD Bank is still not working and suggested withholding the final Certificate of Occupancy until it is working. Trustee Werther encouraged everyone to attend the “Taste of Mineola” fundraiser on May 18, 2011 and wished a happy Mother’s Day to all mothers, particularly Gold Star and Blue Star mothers.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato stated that he attended a firematic service on Sunday, May 1, 2011 honoring deceased firefighters from the past year. Trustee Cusato reminded everyone to vote in the school elections and wished a happy Mother’s Day to all.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira commented on the historical comparison of Hitler and Bin Laden and stated that with the removal of its leader there is some hope that terrorism will diminish as a weapon. Trustee Pereira reminded everyone that the Boy Scout Troop 45 will be honoring six Eagle Scouts on May 6, 2011 and wished all mothers a happy Mother’s Day.

Trustee George R. Durham reported that on April 28, 2011 he and Mayor Scott P. Strauss attended the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) training sessions for Mayors and Municipal Officials and thanked Trustee Paul S. Cusato for moderating “Meet the Candidates Night” for the school board candidates. Trustee Durham announced Bicycle Safety Day on Sunday May 15, 2001 from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM, reminded everyone of the school budget vote on Tuesday May 17, 2011, and wished all mothers a happy Mother’s Day

*5 Speakers addressed the Board*

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 8:35 PM.**

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

<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		