

**Minutes - Board Meeting – 04/20/2011**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, April 20, 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*  
Timothy Meyer, *Williston Times*

**Sunshine Observers:** 13 Observers

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

**Resolution No. 84-11**

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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

**Vote:**

<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		

**Resolution No. 85-11**

Resolved to approve changes made to the Proposed Tentative Budget for FY2011/12.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

**Vote:**

<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		

**Resolution No 86-11**

Resolved to approve the adoption of the FY2011/12 Budget.

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

Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero polled the Board:

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

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

**Resolution No. 87-11**

Resolved to approve a postal metering equipment lease to Innovative Mailing and Shipping Systems (IMS).

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. 88-11**

Resolved to exercise the one-year contract extension option to D & J Refreshment, Inc. for the Wilson Park refreshment stand concession for the 2011 pool season.

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. 89-11**

Resolved to exercise the one-year contract extension option to All Island Transportation for the Community Pool Shuttle Service for the 2011 pool season.

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. 90-11**

Resolved to approve the request of Mineola American Legion Memorial Post No. 349 for the use of village streets and the Community Center for the annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.

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

**Vote:**  

<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		

*Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen presented February 2011 and March 2011 Departmental Reports.*

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:15 PM**

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

**Vote:**  

<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		

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:30 PM.**

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

**Vote:**  

<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. 91-11**

Resolved to approve the transfer of employee Carl Caesar to the position of Laborer in the Parks and Recreation Department, the hiring of Carlos Baca to the position of Laborer in the Parks and Recreation Department, the hiring of Robert Neff to the position of Laborer in the Highway Department and the transferring of employee Richard Vieira to the position of Laborer in the Sanitation Department at salaries in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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. 92-11**

Resolved to approve a request to post for a Laborer position in the Highway Department and a half-time Laborer position in the Building Maintenance unit with starting salaries 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

**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 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 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  
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21 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss announced the passage of the FY2011/12 Budget which necessitates a tax increase of 3.5% due primarily to New York State mandated costs, reported that the Nassau County Police Department has plans to eliminate the POP (Problem Oriented Policing) officer

and that he has written a letter to the Acting Commissioner to express support of the POP program and to encourage the police department to reconsider. Mayor Strauss congratulated Carmella Bernachio on receiving the Nassau County Legislature’s “Woman of Distinction Award”. Mayor Strauss reported on the Mineola Fire Department installation of officers and congratulated Chief Pratt, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Jeffrey Clark and 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Leonard Schmidt and thanked Ex-Chief Rob Connolly for his dedicated service to the village. Mayor Strauss stated that he attended both the MAA Little League Opening Day Parade and the Portuguese Lion’s Club Breakfast and commented how nice the events were. Mayor Strauss announced that April 21, 2011 is designated as Arbor Day and that he and the Board will help plant a tree at Wilson Park in honor of this day. Mayor Strauss reported that the Nassau County 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct is sponsoring a drug “take back” initiative on Sunday April 30, 2011 giving people an opportunity to turn in unused prescription drugs for proper disposal. Mayor Strauss wished all residents a Happy Easter and a Happy Passover

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther congratulated the newly installed officers of the Mineola Fire Department and also congratulated Carmella Bernachio on receiving the “Woman of Distinction Award”. Trustee Werther reported Nassau County is planning on installing red light cameras in incorporated villages and will soon be installing them within and around the Village of Mineola. Trustee Werther stated that residents can call him directly for the locations of these cameras. Trustee Werther encouraged all qualified veterans to join the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Trustee Werther stated that the FY2011/12 Budget is a fair and balanced budget and requested a review of the fees and fines charged by the village. Trustee Werther wished everyone a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato commented that he attended the MAA Opening Day Parade and thanked all parents that volunteered their time for the kids, attended the Lions Club Breakfast and thanked them for their hospitality. Trustee Cusato extended his wishes for a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter

Trustee Paul A. Pereira commented that the Lions Club Breakfast was a great event and recommended that residents continue to support them, wished Ex-Chief Rob Connolly well and thanked him for a great job. Trustee Pereira reminded residents that Friday, April 22, 2011 is Good Friday and that the holiday collection schedule will be in effect and requested that residents not put out trash when it is not scheduled to be picked up. Trustee Pereira stated that Friday May 6, 2011 Troop 45 will have their Eagle Scout ceremony honoring six Eagle Scouts and announced that Thursday April 21, 2011 a tree will be planted in front of the John S. DaVanzo Community Pool in celebration of Arbor Day. Trustee Pereira wished everyone a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

Trustee George R. Durham commented that the Lions Club Breakfast was well attended and that the MAA Opening Day Parade was a great success. Trustee Durham stated that he was on a camping trip weekend with Boy Scout Troop 45 as they worked on their “animal science” merit badge and wished everyone a Happy Easter.

*5 Speakers addressed the Board*

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 8:10 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