Minutes - Board Meeting – 02/02/2011

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501.

PRESENT: Mayor Lawrence A. Werther

Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Trustee Paul A. Pereira Trustee Scott P. Strauss

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney, John M. Spellman

Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero

Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini

Press Observer: Rich Forestano, *Mineola American*

Geoffrey Walter, Patch .com

Sunshine Observers: 11 Observers

Mayor Lawrence A. Werther called the Work Session to order at 6:35 PM.

Resolution No.12-11

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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

Vote:

Yes No Abstain

Mayor Lawrence A. Werther Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Trustee Paul A. Pereira Trustee Scott P. Strauss

Resolution No. 13-11

Resolved to approve the minutes from the meetings of the Board of Trustees of December 8, 2010 and December 15, 2010 as amended.

Motioned by Trustee Scott P. Strauss Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Vote:

Yes No Abstain

Mayor Lawrence A. Werther Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Trustee Paul A. Pereira Trustee Scott P. Strauss

Resolution No. 14-11

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Fire Department for budget transfers in the amount of \$4,000.00 from the following lines:

From: (SCBA-SCOTT MASKS) \$2,000.00 To: (REPAIRS: EQUIPMENT) \$2,000.00 From: (OSHA MEDICALS) \$ 500.00

(DEFENSIVE DRIVING) \$ 500.00

TO: (MISC. SUPPLIES) \$1,000.00

FROM: (UNIFORMS) \$1,000.00 TO : (BADGES & PLAQUES) \$1,000.00

Motioned by Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Seconded by Trustee Scott P. Strauss

Vote:

Yes No Abstain

Mayor Lawrence A. Werther Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Trustee Paul A. Pereira Trustee Scott P. Strauss

Resolution No. 15-11

Resolved to authorize the Mayor to execute the Community Development Block Grant 36th Year Funding Agreement between Nassau County and the Village of Mineola.

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

Vote:

Yes No Abstain

Mayor Lawrence A. Werther Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Trustee Paul A. Pereira Trustee Scott P. Strauss

Resolution No. 16-11

Resolved to hold a Public Hearing on February 16, 2011 to receive public comment on the Community Development Block Grant 37^{th} Year funding allocations.

Motioned by Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Seconded by Trustee Scott P. Strauss

Vote:

Yes No Abstain

Mayor Lawrence A. Werther Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Trustee Paul A. Pereira Trustee Scott P. Strauss

Resolution No. 17-11

Resolved to approve Election Inspectors for the March 15, 2011 Village Elections.

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

Vote:

Yes No Abstain

Mayor Lawrence A. Werther Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Trustee Scott P. Strauss

Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero presented an update on the status of the availability of lever voting machines vs. paper ballots and proposed the following training on a contingency basis should the March 15, 2011 elections be conducted with paper ballots.

Resolution No. 18-11

Resolved to authorize the Village Clerk to pay Election Inspectors \$25.00 per inspector for training pay should the use of paper ballots require additional inspector training.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira Seconded by Trustee Scott P. Strauss

Vote:

Yes No Abstain

Mayor Lawrence A. Werther Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Trustee Paul A. Pereira Trustee Scott P. Strauss

Resolution No. 19-11

Resolved to authorize the purchase and installation of a Godwin GS-6630 heavy duty, dual piston scissor lift for truck # 47, 20 yard dump truck to R.W. Truck Equipment based upon their lowest price of \$6,293.00.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira Seconded by Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy

Vote:

Yes No Abstain

Mayor Lawrence A. Werther Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Trustee Paul A. Pereira Trustee Scott P. Strauss

Superintendent of Public Works Thomas R. Rini reported that the holiday sanitation schedule will be in effect for the observance of Lincoln's Birthday on February 11, 2011.

Mayor Lawrence A. Werther requested a motion to close the Work Session at 7:00 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira Seconded by Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy

Vote:

Yes No Abstain

Mayor Lawrence A. Werther Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy

Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Trustee Scott P. Strauss

Mayor Lawrence A. Werther called the Public Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Lawrence A. Werther

Trustee Paul S. Cusato Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Trustee Paul A. Pereira Trustee Scott P. Strauss

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney, John M. Spellman

Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero

Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini

Press Observer: Rich Forestano, *Mineola American*

Rich Tedesco, Williston Times Geoffrey Walter, Patch .com

Sunshine Observers: 19 Observers

Mayor Lawrence A. Werther announced that Bill Gresalfi was recently honored with the North Hempstead Hometown Hero Award and recognized the great work he demonstrates with the Mineola Fire Department and also with the Junior firefighters. Mayor Werther stated that the State Senate recently passed a 2% property tax cap and reported that the Village of Mineola could be facing 4-8% increase in state-mandated expenses for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Mayor Werther requested that residents be cognizant of their surroundings when parking on narrow streets and, if possible, park in driveways. Mayor Werther reminded residents that the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast will be at Village Hall Community Center on Sunday February 6, 2011 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato thanked the Mineola Fire Department for its response to a house fire on Tuesday January 25, 2011 and announced that Sunday, March 13, 2011 is the Mineola Junior Fire Department Pasta Dinner. Trustee Cusato extended his condolences to the families of Ann Hurley and firefighter Alby Mielika for their losses and stated that both would be missed.

Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy also extended his condolences on the passing of Anne Hurley, stating that she was very devoted in her service on the Library Board and will be missed. Trustee Kennedy congratulated Bill Gresalfi on receiving the North Hempstead Hometown Hero Award and thanked the Mineola Fire Department for all their hard work and devotion. Trustee Kennedy encouraged all residents to attend the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on Sunday February 6, 2011.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira announced that the Mineola Memorial Library will be hosting a special exposition on Sousa Mendes, a Portuguese hero, who saved over 30,000 lives during the holocaust beginning February 10, 2011 through April 2, 2011. Trustee Pereira reminded residents to clear catch basins, when necessary, from snow or debris and congratulated Bill Gresalfi on receiving the North Hempstead Hometown Hero Award

Trustee Scott P. Strauss extended his condolences on the passing of Anne Hurley, stating that this has left a huge hole in the service of the community, and of Alby Mielika, a friend and firefighter as well as an adviser to the Junior firefighters. Trustee Strauss congratulated Bill Gresalfi stating that he does a tremendous amount of work and well deserved this award. Trustee Strauss reiterated the importance of all residents pitching in and clearing hydrants and catch basins during snow storms and recommended that everyone try to attend the Pancake Breakfast.

No Speakers addressed the Board

Mayor Lawrence A. Werther requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 8:00 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato Seconded by Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy Vote:

Yes No Abstain

Yes
Mayor Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy
Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Trustee Scott P. Strauss