

**Minutes - Board Meeting – 01/19/2011**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee Scott P. Strauss

**ALSO PRESENT:** Village Attorney, John M. Spellman  
Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero  
Deputy Village Clerk Cora T. Kelly  
Village Treasurer Giacomo A. Ciccone

**Press Observer:** Rich Forestano, *Mineola American Patch .com*

**Sunshine Observers:** 11 Observers

**Mayor Lawrence A. Werther called the Work Session to order at 6:30 PM.**

**Resolution No. 07-11**

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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

**Vote:**

**Yes**

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

**No**

**Abstain**

**Resolution No. 08-11**

WHEREAS, the third Tuesday in March in each and every year is determined and fixed by the Village Law as the date for the holding of the Annual Village Election, except when this day falls on March 17 (in which it will be held on Wednesday, March 18)

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AND, WHEREAS, the said date will be **March 15, 2011**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual Village Election for the Village of Mineola shall be held on the third **TUESDAY** in March 2011, namely **March 15**, from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm for the purpose of electing the following officers for the term set opposite thereto respectively:

**VILLAGE MAYOR – TWO (2)-YEAR TERM**  
**VILLAGE TRUSTEE – TWO (2)-YEAR TERM**  
**VILLAGE TRUSTEE – TWO (2)-YEAR TERM**

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Election be held in the following designated place:

MINEOLA COMMUNITY CENTER  
Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, NY

By Order of the Board of Trustees of the  
Incorporated Village of Mineola

Joseph R. Scalero

Village Clerk

DATED: JANUARY 14, 2011

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 Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee Scott P. Strauss

*Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero presented the December Justice Court report and reported on the status of election machines availability for the March 15, 2011 elections.*

**Resolution No. 09-11**

Resolved to approve the refinancing of the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, Series 1996C and 1998A.

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 Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee Scott P. Strauss

**Resolution No. 10-11**

Resolved that the Board of Trustees consents to the settlement of its MTBE products liability lawsuit (In re: Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) Products Liability Litigation, MDL-1358 (S.D.N.Y)) with respect to defendant gasoline companies Irving Oil Limited and Highlands Fuel Delivery, LLC (f/k/a Irving Oil Corporation) in the amount of \$5,779.90 net of legal fees (\$1,926.63).

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 Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee Scott P. Strauss

**Resolution No. 11-11**

Resolved to approve the adoption of the following Fair Housing Policy:

## FAIR HOUSING POLICY

The Incorporated Village of Mineola (“Village”) hereby declares that it supports fair housing opportunities in the community for all persons irrespective of race, ethnic origin, religion, disability, age, sex or family status.

To further the Village’s goal of fair housing opportunities, the following practices are hereby established:

1. There shall be an annual analysis to identify impediments to fair housing within the Village.
2. If any impediments shall be identified, appropriate action will be undertaken to overcome their effects.
3. Records reflecting the analysis and any actions undertaken shall be maintained.

No permit, license or municipal benefit or service shall be granted or withheld on the basis of a person’s race, ethnic origin, religion, disability, age, sex or family status.

The Village shall post the Equal Housing Opportunity poster issued by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and shall make available to the public the Guide to Fair Housing issued by the Nassau County Office of Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Seconded by Trustee Scott P. Strauss

**Vote:**

**Yes**

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

**No**

**Abstain**

**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 Scott P. Strauss

**Vote:**

**Yes**

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

**No**

**Abstain**

**Mayor Lawrence A. Werther called the Public Meeting to order at 7:35 PM.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**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*  
*Patch .com*

**Sunshine Observers:**                    21 Observers

Mayor Lawrence A. Werther congratulated Mineola High School senior Bethanne Bartscherer as the first Mineola High School semifinalist in the 2011 Intel Science Talent Search and congratulated Principal Ed Escobar and Science Research Coordinator, Dr. Ellen McGlade-McCulloh, on a fine job in fostering such a program to encourage our students’ efforts. Mayor Werther reported receiving a copy of the Village of Great Neck’s newsletter which thanked the Village of Mineola for its help recovering from the windstorm this past fall. Mayor Werther reminded residents that a potential snowstorm was coming and that in the event that there are 2 or more inches of snow a Snow Emergency will be declared. Mayor Werther stated that any announcement of Snow Emergencies will be broadcast on our Public Access TV programming, on our website, and on the main Village Hall telephone message. Mayor Werther added that, in the event of a Snow Emergency, motorists must remove their cars from the streets to avoid a summons.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato thanked the Mineola Key Club for their efforts and donations to “Operation Santa” and welcomed Trustee Scott P. Strauss to the Board. Trustee Cusato stated that the Mineola Fire Department will be sending out letters announcing the 2011 Fund Drive and they will only be collecting through the mail. Trustee Cusato announced the birth of his grandson, Connor Daniel, making him a grandfather of three.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira also congratulated Bethanne Bartscherer on her accomplishment in becoming the first Mineola High School semifinalist in the Intel Science Talent Search. Trustee Pereira also congratulated Mayor Werther in joining the Executive Board of the Nassau County Village Officials Association (NCVOA).

Trustee Scott P. Strauss stated the importance of removing snow from fire hydrants and congratulated Trustee Cusato on becoming a grandfather again.

*2 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 Scott P. Strauss

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