

Minutes - Board Meeting 11/05/08

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501.

PRESENT: Mayor Jack M. Martins
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy
Trustee Paul A. Pereira

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney John Spellman
Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero
Village Treasurer Giacomo A. Ciccone
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini
Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen

Press: Joe Rizza, *Mineola American*

Sunshine Observers: Approximately 17 Observers

Mayor Martins called the Work Session to order at 6:50 pm.

Resolution No. 249-08

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Mayor Jack M. Martins		

Resolution No. 250-08

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

Domingos Cardoso	Company No. 3
Peter Averaimo	Company No. 2

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

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Mayor Jack M. Martins		

Resolution No. 251-08

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Fire Department for the use of the Village Hall Community Center to conduct its 13th Annual Mineola Junior Fire Department Pasta Dinner Sunday March 8, 2009 and for set-up on Saturday March 7, 2009 from 8:00 am – 9:00 pm.

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

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

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

Village Treasurer Giacomo A. Ciccone presented a monthly report on the activities of the Accounting Department.

Resolution No. 252-08

Resolved to enlarge curb cut at 264 Rudolf Road.

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

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

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

Resolution No. 253-08

Resolved to authorize the rejection of all bids for painting and caulking repairs at the John S. DaVanzo Community Pool facility.

Motioned by Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

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

Resolution No. 254-08

Resolved to award the contract for the 2008 Tree Planting Program to low-bidder Louis Barbato Landscaping for the following contract items:

Item #2: 51 – 100 Acer Campestre “Queen Elizabeth” variety Hedge Maple Trees at \$ 175.00 ea.

Item #4: 51 – 100 Pyrus Calleryana “Chanticleer” variety Pear Trees at \$ 133.00 ea.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Mayor Jack M. Martins

Resolution No. 255-08

Resolved to authorize the public bidding for one (1) new pumper apparatus for use by the Mineola Fire Department to replace Engine 162.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Mayor Jack M. Martins

Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen presented a monthly report on the activities of the Building Department.

Chief Scott Holliday presented a monthly report on the activities of the Mineola Fire Department.

Mayor Martins requested a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:12pm.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Mayor Jack M. Martins

Mayor Martins requested a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:35pm.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Seconded by Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

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

Resolution No. 256-08

Resolved to uphold a decision by the Records Access Officer to deny access to records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law made under an appeal by resident Jeanne Falabella.

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

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

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

Village Attorney John M. Spellman reported that a summons had been received in the matter of an EEOC complaint against the Village of Mineola and the Mineola Fire Department.

Mayor Martins noted that the annual report by external auditors recommended the development of a written policy on travel expenses. Mayor Martins appointed Trustees Pereira and Cusato, both of whom have experience with this subject, to develop a draft policy for the Board's consideration.

Mayor Jack M. Martins requested a motion to close the Work Session at 7:45 pm.

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

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

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

Mayor Martins opened the Public Meeting at 7:45 pm.

40 observers in attendance.

Mayor Jack M. Martins opened the meeting by announcing that the local veterans' organizations will be hosting a Veterans Day ceremony at 11:00 am on November 11 at the Veterans Memorial in Memorial Park. Mayor Martins also spoke about the Village Halloween Party October 24 and commended all who worked so hard to make it a success.

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther spoke about veterans and reported that Boy Scouts of America Troop 45 is conducting a food drive. Trustee Werther also congratulated those public officials who were elected or re-elected on Election Day.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato reported on the recent Mineola High School band competition and the Town of Hempstead Firematic Awards ceremony in which Chief Walter Crosby was a Firematic Award recipient. Trustee Cusato also congratulated Robert's Menswear on its 55th year in business and those who participated in the village Halloween Party.

Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy reported on the village Halloween party and urged residents to take time to attend the Veterans Day ceremony on November 11.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira reported on his participation in the Mineola Fire Department's fire school training session and thanked the Mineola Fire Department and the Mineola Auxiliary Police Department for their participation in the Mineola High School homecoming parade November 1. Trustee Pereira reported that the high school students who had previously given a presentation to the Village Board on the "Tents of Hope" project are going to Washington, D.C. the weekend of November 8-9 as part of that project, and offered his congratulations on the village's Halloween party success.

Seven speakers addressed the Board.

Mayor Martins requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 9:12pm.

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

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph R. Scalero
Village Clerk