

Minutes - Board Meeting 11/04/2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501.

PRESENT: Mayor Scott P. Strauss
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney John P. Gibbons, Jr.
Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero
Deputy Village Clerk Linda Pardo
Village Treasurer Giacomo Ciccone
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini

Press Observer: None

Sunshine Observers: 1 Observer

Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Work Session to order at 6:35 PM.

Resolution No. 225-20

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

Resolution No. 226-20

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees from October 7, October 14, and October 21, 2020.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

Resolution No. 227-20

Resolved to adopt the Homestead Adjusted Base Proportions for the Village of Mineola, as recommended by the Village Assessors, for the 2020-21 tax year, effective April 15, 2020.

Motioned by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

Presentation of the Annual Financial Statement for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2020 by William A. Barrett, CPA of Rynkar, Vail & Barrett, LLP.

Resolution No. 228-20

Resolved that the Board of Trustees accepts and adopts the audit report of the Justice Court for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2020 as prepared and submitted by the Village’s independent outside auditors.

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

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

Resolution No. 229-20

Resolved that the Board of Trustees accepts and adopts the audit report relative to the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2020 as prepared and submitted by the Village’s independent outside auditors.

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

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

Resolution No. 230-20

Resolved to authorize the lump sum death benefit payment to the Estate of William J. D’Avanzo Jr., c/o Patricia Fiorvanti, Administrator, in the amount of \$26,972.01, pursuant to the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP).

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

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

Resolution No. 231-20

Resolved to approve the following payment in the amount of \$59,512.75 from the Water Reserve Fund in FY 2020-2021:

VENDOR	AMOUNT	PROJECT
Philip Ross Industries	\$59,512.75	Well #1

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Seconded by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

Resolution No. 232-20

Resolved to authorize an engineering services agreement for the Drainage Improvements to the Elm Place Parking Lot.

Engineers: D&B Engineers and Architects, P.C.
Cost: \$4,500.00
Funding Source: Community Development Block Grant Funding

Motioned by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

Resolution No. 233-20

Resolved to authorize the Superintendent of Public Works to seek a minimum of three (3) cost proposals for the Drainage Improvements to the Elm Place Parking Lot.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Seconded by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

Resolution No. 234-20

Resolved to authorize an engineering services agreement for the 2020 Street Lighting Maintenance Contract.

Engineers: D&B Engineers and Architects, P.C.
Cost: \$7,500.00
Funding Source: 2020/2021 General Fund Budget or General Fund
Unreserved Fund Balance

Motioned by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

Resolution No. 235-20

Resolved to authorize a public bid for the 2020 Street Lighting Maintenance contract.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

Resolution No. 236-20

Resolved to authorize the installation of a “Handicap Reserved” parking space in front of 67 Pembroke Drive, Mineola.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Seconded by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

Resolution No. 237-20

Resolved to accept the resignation of Highway Division employee, Gabriel Leal, and authorize a benefit time pay out in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.

Motioned by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

Resolution No. 238-20

Resolved to authorize the opening and posting of the Civil Service Title of Assistant Supervisor of Water and Sewer Service in the Water and Sewer Division of the Department of Public Works.

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

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen discussed the conclusion of the Village Green project and gave a financial report for October 2020.

Village Attorney John J. Gibbons, Jr. introduced the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 239-20

RESOLVED, that the Incorporated Village of Mineola agrees to extend the Site Access Agreement with 3rd Track Constructors (3TC) for the use of the area off of 8th Avenue for the parking of its vehicles for an additional 6 month period through and including May 4, 2021; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the Site Access Agreement Extension Agreement on behalf of the Village of Mineola.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

Mayor Scott P. Strauss

Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Trustee George R. Durham

Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

Resolution No. 240-20

RESOLVED, that the Incorporated Village of Mineola agrees to extend the Site Access Agreement with 3rd Track Constructors (3TC) at the Mineola DPW Yard to and including December 15, 2020 upon the same terms and conditions; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the Site Access Agreement Extension Letter on behalf of the Village of Mineola.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Seconded by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

Mayor Scott P. Strauss

Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Trustee George R. Durham

Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

Resolution No. 241-20

WHEREAS, the Incorporated Village of Mineola (“Mineola”) is a municipal corporation duly created and existing under the laws of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department wishes to participate in the Mutual Aid Plan promulgated by the Nassau County Fire Service,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department hereby elects to participate in the Nassau County Fire Service Mutual Aid Plan and will comply with the provisions of the Plan, and it is further

RESOLVED, the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department shall recognize a call for assistance from another fire department through the Nassau County Fire Communications Center or another officially recognized fire department dispatch center within the County of Nassau, it is further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution duly adopted by the Mineola Board of Trustees shall be filed with the County Fire Coordinator, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department has no restrictions against a call for assistance outside the area regularly served and protected by the Fire Department within the meaning of Section 209 of the General Municipal Law (Mutual Aid) which would affect the power of the Fire Department to participate in the Nassau County Fire Service Mutual Aid Plan.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

Mayor Scott P. Strauss
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Work Session at 7:05 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

Mayor Scott P. Strauss
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Public Meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Scott P. Strauss
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney John P. Gibbons, Jr.
Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero
Deputy Village Clerk Linda Pardo

Press Observer: None

Sunshine Observers: None

Mayor Scott P. Strauss thanked members of the Mineola Fire Department for doing a Treat Toss on Halloween; thanked everyone who participated in Sgt. Anthony Catalano’s 100th birthday car parade; reviewed snow regulations and reminded residents to sign up for notifications on the village website; encouraged residents to support downtown businesses, and stated that there is no Board Meeting next week in observance of Veterans Day.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira congratulated elected officials; encouraged residents to sign up for email and text alerts, and check social media; stated that Veterans Day is Wednesday November 11; thanked Mayor Strauss for making the birthday car parade for Anthony Catalano a one of a kind event.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato stated that the car parade for Anthony Catalano was another great day for our village which included friends, family, veterans, Boy Scouts and more; reminded residents that when they changed their clocks, they should have also changed the batteries in their smoke detectors; congratulated New York State Assemblyman Ed Ra and others who won in election, and congratulated Mineola Fire Department Ex-Captain Carl Nunziata on receiving the 2020 Town of Hempstead Firematic Service Award.

Trustee George R. Durham announced that the Mineola Athletic Association is offering an early registration discount.

Trustee Dennis J. Walsh discussed the birthday car parade for Anthony Catalano, and thanked Mayor Strauss for organizing the event; discussed the water delivery in the Village of Mineola stating that the improvements are expensive and mandated by New York State; gave an update on the Third Track project, adding that while inconvenient for several months, in the long run it will be nice.

No speakers addressed the Board

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 8:02 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		