

**Minutes - Board Meeting 1/03/07**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jack M. Martins  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Linda Fairgrieve  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee John S. DaVanzo

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

**Press Observer:** Joseph Rizza, Mineola American

**Sunshine Observers:** Approximately 30 Observers

Mayor Martins opened the Work Session at 6:30 PM.

**Resolution No. 1-07**

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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

**Vote:**

| <u>Yes</u>                  | <u>No</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Trustee Linda Fairgrieve    |           |                |
| Trustee John S. DaVanzo     |           |                |
| Trustee Lawrence A. Werther |           |                |
| Trustee Paul S. Cusato      |           |                |
| Mayor Jack M. Martins       |           |                |

**Resolution No. 2-07**

Resolved to approve the Evening Star Quilters' request for the use of a classroom on Friday, February 9, 2007 from 9:30 AM to approximately 1:00 PM for the demonstration of a new machine used in quilting.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee John S. DaVanzo

**Vote:**

| <u>Yes</u>                  | <u>No</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Trustee Linda Fairgrieve    |           |                |
| Trustee John S. DaVanzo     |           |                |
| Trustee Lawrence A. Werther |           |                |
| Trustee Paul S. Cusato      |           |                |
| Mayor Jack M. Martins       |           |                |

**Resolution No. 3-07**

Resolved to approve the hiring of Walden Associates to write and submit one SARA Grant for the Village of Mineola.

Motioned by Trustee John S. DaVanzo  
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

**Vote:**

**Yes**

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve  
Trustee John S. DaVanzo  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Mayor Jack M. Martins

**No**

**Abstain**

Village Clerk, Joseph R. Scalero, reported on the status of a \$125,000 grant obtained for the Village of Mineola by Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy.

Mr. Scalero also gave an update on the Justice Court Grant and reported that both the computers and software had been installed.

**Resolution No. 4-07**

Resolved to approve the ordering of recycling containers for Village residents as well as the added cost of \$500.00 to replenish the supply for a total cost of \$6500.00.

Motioned by Trustee John S. DaVanzo  
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

**Vote:**

**Yes**

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve  
Trustee John S. DaVanzo  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Mayor Jack M. Martins

**No**

**Abstain**

Superintendent of Public Works, Thomas Rini, gave a recap of the Public Works Department's activities for 2006 including the block parties and parades for the Village's Centennial celebration as well as the Nassau Fireman's Association Parade, Drill and Block Party. Mr. Rini also discussed snow removal, tree maintenance, Storm Water Program Phase II and the 2006 Road Resurfacing Program.

Building Department Superintendent, Daniel B. Whalen reported new hires Keith Gessner and John Chilcott had recently completed the New York State Training Program. Mr. Whalen also gave the department's financial report for the past three months.

Village Attorney, John Spellman reported on the upcoming public hearing on a proposed Local Law regarding sex offenders, scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2007 and requested a resolution approving Wednesday, February 14, 2007 for a hearing on the adoption of New York State Village Law §7-703.

**Resolution No. 5-07**

Resolved to approve Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 6:30 PM as the date and time for a hearing on New York State Village Law §7-703 regarding incentive zoning.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Seconded by Trustee John S. DaVanzo

## Abstain

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve  
Trustee John S. DaVanzo  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Mayor Jack M. Martins

Mayor Martins requested a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:10 PM.

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

## Abstain

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve  
Trustee John S. DaVanzo  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Mayor Jack M. Martins

Mayor Martins requested a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:40 PM.

Motioned by Trustee John S. DaVanzo  
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

**Abstain**

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve  
Trustee John S. DaVanzo  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Mayor Jack M. Martins

**Resolution No. 6-07**

Be it resolved that the Mineola Fire Department shall be authorized to form a corporation for the purpose of conducting its Annual Fund Drive and managing the funds there from, to secure a federal tax identification number for the new corporation and to file for Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (3) tax exempt status. The corporation shall be operated in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Motioned by Mayor Jack M. Martins  
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

## Abstain

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve  
Trustee John S. DaVanzo  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Mayor Jack M. Martins

Mayor Martins requested a motion to close the Work Session at 7:45 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Seconded by Trustee John S. DaVanzo

**Abstain**

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Trustee John S. DaVanzo  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Mayor Jack M. Martins

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

Mayor Martins thanked the Centennial Committee for the Ecumenical Service on December 30, 2006 and gave special thanks to Roger Liel who served in Iraq. Mayor Martins congratulated Michael Balboni on his appointment as New York State Deputy Secretary for Public Safety, Office of Homeland Security. Mayor Martins reminded everyone that the Centennial Time Capsule burial is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 5:30 PM and invited all organizations to contribute to something for the time capsule.

Trustee Lawrence Werther wished everyone a Happy New Year. Trustee Werther invited everyone to attend the fund raiser for St. Aiden's and Corpus Christi Schools on January 18, 2007 at Jericho Terrace. Trustee Werther reported on the Mineola Auxiliary Police Department's year to date budget expenditures and upcoming events at the Mineola Memorial Library.

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve had no Liaison Report for the evening but introduced a "Five Point Plan for Public Safety"; prepared by Trustee Linda Fairgrieve and Trustee Paul Cusato.

### **"Five Point Plan for Mineola's Public Safety"**

1. Create a permanent "Public Safety Task Force" made up of volunteer residents appointed by the Village Board (four members appointed by the majority, three members appointed by the minority) and chaired by the Chief of the Mineola Auxiliary Police. The purpose of this task force would be as follows:
  - A. Identify problems, dangerous trends and other public safety issues in the village
  - B. Hold monthly meetings open to the public to receive public input on public safety issues.
  - C. Meet quarterly with Nassau Police Officials and the Village Board to relay concerns and discuss solutions and long-term goals
2. Establish a new "Neighborhood Watch Program" as existed in the Village in the past in order to bring neighbors on every street in the Village closer together, identify problems in their early stages (ex. – streetlight outages, graffiti, vandalism, kids hanging out in public parks, etc.) and make residents more aware of issues in the community at large. In order to establish the "Neighborhood Watch Program", the Village would enlist the assistance of the Nassau County Police, Mineola Auxiliary Police as well as other sources. The "Public Safety Task Force" could hold informational meetings for "Neighborhood Watch" Leaders in order to properly train participants in the program.
3. Establish a "Property Crimes Investigator" in the Mineola Building Department to assist police with investigations regarding vandalism, graffiti, etc.
4. Establish and Ad-Hoc "Mineola Homelessness Advisory Committee" made up of residents who could work with police, social service agencies, churches and non-profits to assist Mineola's homeless and work on getting them off the street and into programs or housing.
5. Conduct a major lobbying effort enlisting the assistance of Village residents (letter writing, e-mail and telephone campaigns) to County and State officials in order to secure additional police coverage for Mineola. This should be an on-going, bi-partisan effort to ensure that Mineola receives a level of coverage relative to our police tax burden.

Mayor Martins requested a motion to vote on the adoption of the "Five Point Plan for Mineola's Public Safety".

**Resolution No. 7-07**

Resolved to adopt the “**Five Point Plan for Mineola’s Public Safety**” as submitted by Trustee Linda Fairgrieve and Trustee Paul S. Cusato.

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

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve  
Trustee John S. DaVanzo  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Mayor Jack M. Martins

Trustee Paul Cusato reported on the Mineola Fire Department’s activities for November and December. Trustee Cusato thanked Gary Mazur for heading up Operation Santa as well as the other Department members who participated. Trustee Cusato gave an update on the Historical Society and congratulated new MAA President John Strein and thanked out going President Fred Wachter for his work as MAA President. Trustee Cusato voiced his objection to an article appearing on page 41 of the December 20, 2006 issue of the *Mineola American*. Trustee Cusato requested corrections to certain statements in the article written by Joe Rizza of the *Mineola American*. Mr. Rizza stated from the audience that the article was entirely accurate and refused Trustee Cusato’s request for corrections.

Trustee John DaVanzo wished everyone a Happy New Year. Trustee DaVanzo thanked everyone for their participation in the Village’s Centennial events throughout the year. Trustee DaVanzo congratulated all of the new officers of the Mineola Volunteer Ambulance Corps. and thanked the outgoing officers for their hard work and dedication.

Mayor Martins congratulated new MAA President John Strein. Mayor Martins also recognized a group of students from Our Lady of Mercy in the audience.

Mayor Martins requested a motion to close the meeting at 9:40 PM.

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

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve  
Trustee John S. DaVanzo  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Mayor Jack M. Martins

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph R. Scalero  
Village Clerk