

Minutes - Board Meeting 02/07/07

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, February 7, 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
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini
Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen
Village Treasurer Giacomo M. Ciccone
Deputy Village Clerk Janet H. Zalkin

Press Observers: Joseph Rizza, Mineola American
Bill Murphy, Newsday

Sunshine Observers: Approximately 40 Observers

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

Resolution No. 21-07

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato
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

Absent

Mayor Martins requested a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from August 2006 through November 2006. Trustee Paul Cusato requested that the approval of minutes be tabled until the next meeting.

Robert W. Hinck, Downtown Coordinator, reported on the proposed Jericho Turnpike Streetscape Project and requested approval of the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 22-07

Resolved to award the Jericho Turnpike Project to the lowest responsible bidder, NY Paving.

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

Vote:

Yes

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

No

Absent

Resolution No. 23-07

Resolved to authorize the Village of Mineola's contribution of \$40,000 from the unreserved fund balance for the Jericho Turnpike Streetscape Project, with any surplus funds to be directed to Residential Rehabilitation.

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

Absent

Chief Jack Gayson of the Mineola Fire Department reported on the Fire Department's activities for the month of January 2007. Chief Gayson advised residents of some safety precautions such as allowing for air flow in boiler rooms to maintain safe home heating practices throughout the winter months. Chief Gayson gave an update on the Department's equipment repairs as well as mutual aid fire calls.

Resolution No. 24-07

Resolved to approve the following lists of Election Inspectors for the March 2007 Election:

Democratic Election Inspectors

16110	Bob Small	317 Foch Blvd., Mineola, NY
16110	Brenda Kennedy	109 Ellsworth Ave., Mineola, NY
16111	Pat Sjursen	1404 Meadowoods Dr., E. Meadow, NY
16111	Chris Vigaria	196 Pomander Rd., Mineola, NY
16112	Shirley Florio	190 Roselle St., Mineola, NY
16112	Elaine Small	317 Foch Blvd., Mineola, NY
17021	Edith Horowitz	120 Clinton Ave., #2F, Mineola, NY
17021	Sarah Coyne	366 Stewart Ave., #3B, Garden City, NY
16113	Raymond Coyne	366 Stewart Ave., #3B, Garden City, NY
16113	Mary Calapietra	26 Jefferson Ave., Mineola, NY
17023	Eileen Fina	56 Pembroke Dr., Mineola, NY
17023	Marie Kelly	204 Pershing Pky., Mineola, NY
17024	Jovan Bates	133 Madison Ave., Garden City Park, NY
17024	Thomas Genovese	265 Jerome Ave., Mineola, NY
17025	Harold Feldstein	90 Skelly Pl., Mineola, NY
17025	Madeline Piloto	156 White Rd., Mineola, NY
17026	Neil Piloto	156 White Rd., Mineola, NY
17026	Craig Bates	133 Madison Ave., Garden City Park, NY
17027	Lorraine Davidson	25 Liberty Ave., Mineola, NY
17027	Patrishia Wayne	21 Maxwell Rd., Garden City, NY
16114	Mae Freedman	190 Mineola Blvd., Mineola, NY
16114	Robin Bates	133 Madison Ave., Garden City Park, NY
17029	Gabrielle Hendricks	474 Argyle Rd., Mineola, NY
17029	Elizabeth Schultz	308 Congress Ave., Mineola, NY
17030	Neil Stuber	330 Fulton St., Westbury, NY
17030	Margaret Dannunzio	152 Bruce Ter., Mineola, NY
17031	Karen Guardino	3 Hampton St., Mineola, NY
17031	Jean Marley	118 Westbury Ave., Mineola, NY
17032	Helen Callahan	176 Evelyn Rd., Mineola, NY
17032	Elizabeth McMahon	525 Concord Ave., Mineola, NY

Registration Day

Helen Callahan	176 Evelyn Rd., Mineola, NY
Shirley Florio	190 Roselle St., Mineola, NY

Republican Election Inspectors

16107	Lois C. Desimone	191 Barwick Blvd., Mineola, NY
16107	Russ C. Sutherland	3 Birchwood Ct., #2H, Mineola, NY
16110	Barbara Dougherty	350 Emory Road, Mineola, NY
16110	Donald R. Hammond	414 Emory Rd., Mineola, NY
16111	Michael W. Dougherty	350 White Rd., Mineola, NY
16111	Virginia L. Reginio	340 White Rd., Mineola, NY
16112	Vincent DeStefano	213 Columbus Pky., Mineola, NY
16112	Carolina R. Macedo	115 Washington Ave., Mineola, NY
16113	Jessica A. Behrman	109 Seward Ave., Mineola, NY
16113	Susne Gibbons	410 Bauer Place, Mineola, NY
16114	Michael Beil	1807 Andrea Road, E. Meadow, NY
16114	Michael Coniglio	108 Westbury Avenue, Mineola, NY
17021	Edward Solosky	175 Wellington Road, Mineola, NY
17021	Martha Makowsky	139 Clemens Road, Mineola, NY
17023	Lois DeSimone	191 Barwick Boulevard, Mineola, NY
17023	Russ Sutherland	3 Birchwood Ct., #2H, Mineola, NY
17024	Patricia Kessler	192 Roosevelt Avenue, Mineola, NY
17024	Anne Murphy	120 Clinton Avenue, #4J, Mineola, NY
17025	Stephen DeFranco	197 Roslyn Road, Mineola, NY
17025	Barbara Thompson	100 Clinton Avenue, #1Y, Mineola, NY
17026	Anne Ciriaco	226 Jefferson Avenue, Mineola, NY
17027	Maureen Klarman	310 White Road, Mineola, NY
17027	Kathleen Hoey	138 Wardwell Road, Mineola, NY
17029	Nora Coniglio	108 Westbury Avenue, Mineola, NY
17029	Nancy A. Heiss	132 Jackson Avenue, #1R, Mineola, NY
17030	Marian Kessler	162 Jerome Avenue, Mineola, NY
17030	Flore Rowe	305 Pennsylvania Avenue, Mineola, NY
17031	Louise Palumbo	148 Raff Avenue, Mineola, NY
17031	Irene Kowalski	221 Columbus Avenue, Mineola, NY
17032	Amelia Goldsmith	1 Bengyfield Road, E. Williston, NY
17032	Michael A. Diletto	372 Main Street, Pt. Washington, NY

Registration Day

Edward Curran	39 Croyden Road, Mineola, NY
Joan Connor	397 Wilson Boulevard, Mineola, NY

Alternates

Mary Catapano	1712 New Hyde Park Rd., New Hyde Park, NY
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Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Seconded by Mayor Jack M. Martins

Vote:

Yes

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

No

Absent

Resolution No.25-07

Resolved to approve the request to waive penalties and authorize installment payments of the Water Bill for a resident at 309 First Street.

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

Vote:		
<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Trustee Linda Fairgrieve		
Trustee John S. DaVanzo		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Mayor Jack M. Martins		

Michael A. Miranda, sponsor of *Jack’s Run for Autism Awareness* presented a proposal to hold an Autism awareness run/walk utilizing Village roads on Saturday, June 9, 2007.

Resolution No. 26-07

Resolved to approve the request to hold *Jack’s Run for Autism Awareness* fund raiser walk/run utilizing Village streets on June 9, 2007, subject to coordination of route and permits.

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

Vote:		
<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Trustee Linda Fairgrieve		
Trustee John S. DaVanzo		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Mayor Jack M. Martins		

Mineola Volunteer Ambulance Corps President Thomas Devaney presented the Board of Trustees with a proposal for a Length of Service Program (LOSAP) for the members of the Ambulance Corps.

Mayor Martins asked Village Attorney John Spellman to meet with Mr.Devaney to explore the feasibility of the plan.

Village Treasurer, Giacomo M. Ciccone, gave an update on the Village’s bond refinancing project.

Superintendent of Buildings, Daniel B. Whalen, presented the department’s January activity and revenue report.

Superintendent of Public Works, Thomas Rini reported on the preliminary findings of the Bruce Terrace drainage area survey. Mr. Rini also gave an update on the rehabilitation of Well #7 which is currently on schedule and under budget.

Mr. Rini reported on water main breaks that occurred over the past few weeks, one on Mineola Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue, another on Jefferson Avenue between Maple Place and Willis Avenue and most recently on Jericho Turnpike near King Kullen.

Mr. Rini announced that the recycling containers were delivered and can be purchased at the Village Clerk’s office. Mr. Rini also reported that the normal sanitation schedule would be in effect for the upcoming holidays, Lincoln’s Birthday on February 12, 2007 and President’s Day on February 19, 2007.

Mr. Rini discussed the ENERNOC Demand Response Sales and Service Agreement for the installation of a generator at Well #1 at no cost to the Village, which would provide back-up power, savings on electricity and would be owned by the Village after 4 years. The generator would be managed, installed and maintained by ENERNOC.

Resolution No. 27-07

Resolved to authorize the execution of the proposed ENERNOC Demand Response Sales and Service contract.

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

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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 7:32 PM.

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

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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 7:47 PM.

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

Vote:

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

Resolution No. 28-07

Resolved to authorize a \$1.00 per hour licensing increase for Frank A. Heinrich in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective January 19, 2007.

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

Vote:

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

Resolution No. 29-07

Resolved to designate Parking Meter personnel as Parking Enforcement Agents to assist with the enforcement of parking regulations.

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

Vote:		
<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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 close the Work Session at 7:50 PM.

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

Vote:		
<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Trustee Linda Fairgrieve		
Trustee John S. DaVanzo		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Mayor Jack M. Martins		

Mayor Martins opened the Public Meeting at 7:50 PM.

Mayor Martins reported an altercation on a Jackson Avenue resident’s lawn that involved some students from our school district. Mayor Martins thanked Dr. Licopoli, Principal Ed Escobar, Police Officer John Larson the student representatives for attending a meeting held with residents of Jackson Avenue. Mayor Martins hopes to see a positive result from the intervention.

Mayor Martins congratulated Senator Craig Johnson on his election to the Senate. Mayor Martins also congratulated Assemblyman Tom Di Napoli on his appointment to the position of State Comptroller.

Mayor Martins announced that he was asked to sit on the Nassau County Village Officials Association committee to evaluate the Nassau Hub and study the impacts of the proposed transportation component.

Trustee Lawrence Werther congratulated Senator Craig Johnson on his election and Assemblyman Tom Di Napoli on his appointment. Trustee Werther gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce “Taste of Mineola” fundraiser to benefit Village organizations that is scheduled for March 22, 2007. Trustee Werther also gave the Mineola Library report.

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve congratulated Senator Craig Johnson on his election and Assemblyman Tom Di Napoli on his appointment. Trustee Fairgrieve read the Justice Court Report from January 2007.

Trustee Paul Cusato reported on the Mineola Fire Department activity for the month of January and gave an account of activity since April 2006. Trustee Cusato thanked the Williston Park Fire Department for their assistance on some recent calls and reminded residents of the upcoming Mineola Fire Department Pasta Dinner on March 11, 2007. Trustee Cusato also congratulated Senator Craig Johnson on his election and Assemblyman Tom Di Napoli on his appointment.

Trustee John DaVanzo congratulated Senator Craig Johnson on his election and Assemblyman Tom Di Napoli on his appointment. Trustee DaVanzo reported the Mineola Volunteer Ambulance Corps activity for the month of January.

Mayor Martins congratulated Maureen O’Connell on a great race. Mayor Martins stated that Maureen O’Connell was always there for Mineola when she was our Assemblywoman. Mayor Martins reported that he would be meeting with Senator Craig Johnson next week on some of the issues affecting our community.

Mayor Martins asked the Board members to present their reports on the *Five Point Plan for Mineola’s Public Safety*.

Trustee Paul Cusato gave an update on the progress of the Neighborhood Watch Program. Trustee Cusato reported that he had met with Inspector Turk and Officer John Larson of the 3rd Precinct as well as Lieutenant Walsh. Trustee Cusato reported that he had not yet been successful in scheduling a meeting with Chief Michael Spae of the Mineola Auxiliary Police Department. Trustee Cusato reported that he had not received a response from the Village’s insurance carrier regarding liability. Trustee Cusato proposed thirteen sectors and presented a sector map as well as an implementation plan of organization and recruitment in 4 phases.

Trustee John DaVanzo reported on the proposed Property Crimes Investigator. Trustee DaVanzo reported that after meeting with Inspector Turk of the 3rd Precinct he learned that it is not legal for the Village of Mineola to establish the position of Property Crimes Investigator since such a title is not available under regulations of the Civil Service Commission. Trustee DaVanzo also reported that the investigation of property crimes come under the jurisdiction of the Nassau County Police Department. Trustee DaVanzo also concluded that the hiring of an additional Code Enforcement Officer in the Building Department would cost the Village \$60,000.00 per year with benefits.

Resolution No. 30-07

Resolved to not pursue the position of Property Crimes Investigator under the *Five Point Public Plan for Mineola’s Public Safety*.

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

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Trustee John S. DaVanzo		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Mayor Jack M. Martins		

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve reported her findings for the Homeless Advisory Committee. Trustee Fairgrieve stated that the Homeless Advisory Committee should be a sub-committee of the Public Safety Committee that would meet quarterly or monthly and would provide contact information and reporting instructions with the understanding that if there is a homeless incident, call 911. Trustee Fairgrieve reported that there are no other villages with this kind of program and that homelessness is primarily handled by the city and county agencies.

Resolution No. 31-07

Resolved not to move forward on the Homeless Advisory Committee but rather promote public awareness and education of existing organizations such as Island Harvest and The Inn.

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

Vote:		
<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Trustee John S. DaVanzo		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Mayor Jack M. Martins		

Trustee Lawrence Werther outlined a strategy to establish a major lobbying effort that would target County and State officials in order to secure additional police coverage in Mineola. Trustee Werther’s strategy included identifying the recipients and creating a database of law makers, elected officials and police personnel in order to deliver a unified message. Trustee Werther’s outline also included plans to organize messages from the Village and it’s residents as well as creating a data base to communicate with residents.

Resolution No. 32-07

Resolved to move forward on the lobbying effort for improved police coverage as presented by Trustee Werther.

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

Vote:		
<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Trustee Linda Fairgrieve		
Trustee John S. DaVanzo		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Mayor Jack M. Martins		

Mayor Martins reported on the creation of a Public Safety Committee. Mayor Martins addressed the idea of creating a separate committee that would be headed by Chief Michael Spae and meet monthly with the Third Precinct and report to the Village Board. Mayor Martins stated that this is a function of the Village Board and we are already doing this. Mayor Martins believes that this would be adding another layer to the process and would be of little or no benefit to the residents. Mayor Martins stated that he feels that the Village’s communication and coordination among via the Building Department, Auxiliary Police Department and Third Precinct is already good and does not see the need for the creation of separate committee. Mayor Martins reported that he met with Chief Spae to discuss the idea and Chief Spae agreed that it wasn’t necessary.

Resolution No. 33-07

Resolved to not pursue the creation of a separate Public Safety Task Force under the *Five Point Plan for Mineola’s Public Safety*.

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

Vote:		
<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Trustee Linda Fairgrieve		
Trustee John S. DaVanzo		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Mayor Jack M. Martins		

Mayor Martins announced that the Public Hearing that was scheduled for February 14, 2007 had been moved to February 21, 2007 and that no meeting would be held on February 14, 2007. Mayor Martins wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day.

Mayor Martins requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 11:30 PM.

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

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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 11:30 PM.

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

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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 11:50 PM.

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

Vote:

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

Mayor Martins reported that the new employee union, United Public Service Employees Union, will assume the current union contract as of March 1, 2007.

Resolution No. 34-07

Resolved to authorize Mayor Jack M. Martins to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Local 808 and UPSEU to protect the employees of the Village of Mineola employees and preserve their current benefits.

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

Vote:

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

Resolution No. 35-07

Resolved to retain Nixon Peabody as Bond Counsel to the Village of Mineola.

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

Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero polled the Board:

Vote:			
<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
Trustee Linda Fairgrieve			
Trustee John S. DaVanzo			
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther			
Trustee Paul S. Cusato			
Mayor Jack M. Martins			

Resolution No. 36-07

Resolved to approve and authorize Mayor Jack M. Martins to sign a new Air Rights Lease Agreement with Winthrop-University Hospital

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

Vote:			
<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
Trustee Linda Fairgrieve			
Trustee John S. DaVanzo			
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther			
Trustee Paul S. Cusato			
Mayor Jack M. Martins			

Village Attorney, John Spellman gave an update on Field #3. Mr. Spellman reported that the Village was considering a proposal from American Sports Management to build a full indoor soccer field and full outdoor all weather soccer field that Village athletic groups would be able to utilize. Mr. Spellman explained that additional measures such as environmental testing would be required for the Village Board to consider such a proposal.

Mayor Martins requested a motion to close the meeting at 12:02 AM.

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

Vote:			
<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
Trustee Linda Fairgrieve			
Trustee John S. DaVanzo			
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther			
Trustee Paul S. Cusato			
Mayor Jack M. Martins			

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph R. Scalero
Village Clerk