

**Minutes - Board Meeting 10/06/2021**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, October 6, 2021 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  
Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen

**Press Observer:** *Williston Times*

**Sunshine Observers:** 4 Observers

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

**Resolution No. 249-21**

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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

**Vote:**

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

**Resolution No. 250-21**

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees from September 1 and September 15, 2021.

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

**Resolution No. 251-21**

The Board of the Village of Mineola authorizes the Mineola Village Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2021-22 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

Motioned by Trustee George R. Durham  
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

**Resolution No. 252-21**

Resolved to approve a request by Michael Ribeiro to execute the employee health benefit buy-back option pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

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

*Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero gave a presentation introducing MyMineola, a new Customer Relationship Management app, and announced that Nassau County Legislator Richard Nicoletto will host a flu shot clinic at the Village Hall Community Center Friday October 22 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Mr. Scalero also announced that the Village tax assessors will hold Saturday office hours at Village Hall on November 6, 2021, November 20, 2021, December 4, 2021, and December 11, 2021, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, by appointment only, for any senior resident having questions regarding their Senior Citizen Tax Exemption and any seniors wishing to apply for an exemption.*

**Resolution No. 253-21**

Resolved to approve the following payment in the amount of \$34,139.54 from the Water Reserve Fund in FY 2021-2022:

VENDOR	AMOUNT	PROJECT
Philip Ross Industries Inc.	\$34,139.54	Well #1

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. 254-21**

Resolved to appoint Kristiana Salerno as Village Auditor.

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. 255-21**

Resolved to award the contract for the Wilson Park Improvements project to the lowest responsible bidder:

Low Bidder: Laser Industries, Inc.  
Low Bid Amount: \$369,000.00  
Engineers: D&B Engineers & Architects  
Fund Source(s): New York State Dormitory Authority Grant, 2021/2022  
General Fund Budget and/or the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance

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. 256-21**

Resolved to authorize Change Order No. 1 to the New Administration Building Project, Contract No. 3 – Plumbing for the upsizing of the gas service line on the property to insure no pressure drop in natural gas supply.

Contractor: WHM Plumbing & Heating Contractors, Inc.  
Total Cost of Change Order No. 1: \$3,278.24 which is covered by the contract allowance resulting in no change to the total contract amount.

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

**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. 257-21**

Resolved to authorize Change Order No. 21 to the New Administration Building Project, Contract No. 1 – General Construction for the additional excavation and concrete work or the fire sprinkler water main installation.

Contractor: Irwin Contracting, Inc.  
Total Cost of Change Order No. 21: \$6,988.00  
Funding Source(s): To be funded by the project Serial Bonds, and/or the 2021/2022 General Fund and/or the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance

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

*Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini reminded residents that a holiday sanitation schedule will be in effect next week due to Columbus Day.*

*Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen presented a department financial report for September 2021, and gave an update on ongoing projects.*

*Village Attorney John P. Gibbons, Jr. presented the following resolutions:*

**Resolution No. 258-21**

RESOLVED, to approve the renewal of the Parking Reimbursement Agreement between the Village of Mineola and 3<sup>rd</sup> Track Contractors for use of Parking Field #7 within the construction zone for a period commencing on September 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2021; and RESOLVED, that Mayor Scott P. Strauss is authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Village of Mineola.

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

**Resolution No. 259-21**

Petitioner: 212-214 Third St. Assoc.  
Petitioner's Attorney: Schroeder

Resolved, that the certiorari settlement recommended by Spellman Gibbons Polizzi Truncale & Trentacoste, LLP, regarding 212-214 Third St. Assoc., Section 9, Block 674, Lots 32, 3, 10 and 11 is approved.

Further resolved, that the Petitioner will receive a refund of \$4,500.00 for the tax years 2014/2015 through 2020/2021. The refund shall be payable upon the submission of a voucher along with a Judgment and Stipulation.

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

**Resolution No. 260-21**

Petitioner: 328 Willis Ave. LLC  
Petitioner’s Attorney: Meyer Suozzi

Resolved, that the certiorari settlement recommended by Spellman Gibbons Polizzi Truncale & Trentacoste, LLP, regarding 328 Willis Ave. LLC, Section 9, Block 331, Lots 704 is approved.

Further resolved, that the Petitioner will receive a refund of \$4,500.00 for the tax years 2014/2015 through 2020/2021. The refund shall be payable upon the submission of a voucher along with a Judgment and Stipulation.

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

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

**Resolution No. 261-21**

Petitioner: Grant Commons  
Petitioner’s Attorney: Cronin Harris

Resolved, that the certiorari settlement recommended by Spellman Gibbons Polizzi Truncale & Trentacoste, LLP, regarding Grant Commons, Section 9, Block 409, Lots 468-471 is approved.

Further resolved, that the Petitioner will receive a refund of \$5,000.00 for the tax years 2016/2017 through 2020/2021. The refund shall be payable upon the submission of a voucher along with a Judgment and Stipulation.

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

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

**Resolution No. 262-21**

Petitioner: Herricks Mineola  
Petitioner’s Attorney: Koeppel

Resolved, that the certiorari settlement recommended by Spellman Gibbons Polizzi Truncale & Trentacoste, LLP, regarding Herrick Mineola, Section 9, Block 18, Lots 11-29 and Section 9, Block 19, Lot 133 is approved.

Further resolved, that the Petitioner will receive a refund of \$13,500.00 for the tax years 2010/2011 through 2020/2021. The refund shall be payable upon the submission of a voucher along with a Judgment and Stipulation.

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

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

**Resolution No. 263-21**

Petitioner: Irace  
Petitioner’s Attorney: Farrell Fritz

Resolved, that the certiorari settlement recommended by Spellman Gibbons Polizzi Truncale & Trentacoste, LLP, regarding Irace, Section 9, Block 288, Lots 26-32 is approved.

Further resolved, that the Petitioner will receive a refund of \$10,000.00 for the tax years 2014/2015 through 2020/2021. The refund shall be payable upon the submission of a voucher along with a Judgment and Stipulation.

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

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

**Resolution No. 264-21**

Petitioner: Leone  
Petitioner’s Attorney: Schroeder

Resolved, that the certiorari settlement recommended by Spellman Gibbons Polizzi Truncale & Trentacoste, LLP, regarding Leone, Section 9, Block 397, Lots 38-45, 90-96, 189, 307 is approved.

Further resolved, that the Petitioner will receive a refund of \$95,000.00 for the tax years 2005/2006 through 2020/2021. The refund shall be payable upon the submission of a voucher along with a Judgment and Stipulation.

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		

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Work Session at 7:15 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		

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Public Meeting to order at 7:30 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  
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini

**Press Observer:** *Williston Times*

**Sunshine Observers:** 5 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss congratulated Mineola Fire Department Ex-Captain Mike Freitas on being named Firefighter of the Year, adding that Mike is active in the Mineola Fire Department and the Mineola Volunteer Ambulance Corps; discussed the successful Summer Concerts in the Park series; discussed the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony and thanked keynote speaker, Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder; announced the Mineola High School Homecoming Parade is Saturday October 10, and reminded residents to attend the Mineola Street Fair Sunday October 11.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira encouraged residents to attend the Mineola Street Fair; stated that he attended the Irish American Society’s Harvest Moon Ball, and congratulated honorees Jeff and Maureen Clark; announced that the Mineola High School homecoming parade is Saturday October 10; discussed the new MyMineola app; announced that the Village Halloween Party is Friday October 29, and congratulated Village Clerk Joe Scalero on his re-election to New York State Association of City and Village Clerks.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato thanked residents who attended the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.

Trustee George R. Durham announced that Boy Scout Troop 45 will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in November, and reminded residents that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Trustee Dennis J. Walsh discussed the history of tax certiori in the Village, and encouraged residents to attend the Mineola Street Fair Sunday, October 11, adding that he will be in the dunk tank.

*4 speakers addressed the Board*

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 8:05 PM.**

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

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