

## **Minutes - Board Meeting 11/03/2021**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, November 3, 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 Buildings Daniel B. Whalen

**Press Observer:** None

**Sunshine Observers:** 2 Observers

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Work Session to order at 6:50 PM.**

*Presentation of the Annual Financial Statement for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2021 by William A. Barrett, CPA of Rynkar, Vail & Barrett, LLP.*

### **Resolution No. 277-21**

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

#### **Vote:**

<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. 278-21**

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees from October 6, October 13, and October 20, 2021.

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. 279-21**

Resolved to approve a request by Girl Scout Troop 1875 for the use of a Community Center general purpose room Saturdays December 4, February 12, March 5, March 19, April 9, April 23, May 7, and May 21.

Motioned by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh  
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. 280-21**

Resolved to authorize additional engineering services for survey, design, plans and inspection to the 2021 Road Improvements Contract to add Charles Street from Roslyn Road to the Dead End to this contract.

Engineers: D&B Engineers & Architects, P.C.  
Estimated Survey, Design, Plans and Inspection Costs: \$19,000.00  
Funding Source(s): 2021/2022 General Fund Budget and/or the General Fund  
Unreserved Fund Balance  
Estimated Construction Cost: \$200,000.00

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. 281-21**

Resolved to award the 2021 Tree Planting Contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Lowest Responsible Bidder: Louis Barbato Landscaping, Inc.  
Funding Source: 2021/2022 General Fund Budget

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
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. 282-21**

Resolved to authorize the installation of 16-foot curb cuts at the following locations:

364 Old Country Road, on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Mineola  
45 Jerome Avenue, Mineola

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. 283-21**

Resolved that the Board of Trustees accepts and adopts the audit report of the Justice Court for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2021 as prepared and submitted by the Village's independent outside auditors.

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

**Resolution No. 284-21**

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, 2021 as prepared and submitted by the Village's independent outside auditors.

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

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

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

**Resolution No. 285-21**

Resolved to adopt the proposed Local Law pursuant to Cannabis Law §131 opting out of licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Incorporated Village of Mineola.

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

Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero polled the Board:

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

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

Trustee George R. Durham

**Resolution No. 286-21**

**WHEREAS**, the Incorporated Village of Mineola (the “Village”) previously entered into a lease, dated December 17, 2019 with 229 Liberty Ave. Realty Corp. for the property known as 235 Liberty Avenue, Mineola, New York, 11501 (the “Lease”), to provide a temporary storage of Fire Department equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lease contains an option to renew the Lease for an additional year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village wishes to exercise the renewal option.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, the Village exercises the renewal Option Period 1, contained in the Lease, dated December 17, 2019, for the property known as 235 Liberty Avenue, Mineola, New York, 11501, for the period commencing January 1, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2022.

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. 287-21**

**RESOLVED**, that the Incorporated Village of Mineola is authorized to enter into the contract with East Gate Security, Inc. for security and parking attendant services at the Harrison Avenue Garage, and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that Mayor Scott P. Strauss is authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Incorporated 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. 288-21**

Resolved to appoint John Donnelly, Esq. as Special Counsel for the Village of Mineola with respect to a grievance filed by UPSEU.

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. 289-21**

Resolved to appoint Gerard Loughran as Hearing Officer for the Village of Mineola with respect to a grievance filed by UPSEU.

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 requested a motion to close the Work Session at 7:20 PM.**

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

**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

**Press Observer:**

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**Sunshine Observers:**

2 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss thanked the Recreation staff, Mineola Junior Fire Department members and all who made the Village Halloween Party a success; congratulated Town Councilman-Elect Dennis Walsh on winning his election, and congratulated all election winners. Mayor Strauss also invited residents to attend a Veterans Day ceremony Thursday November 11 at 11:00 am in Mineola Memorial Park.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira congratulated Trustee Walsh on winning his election, discussed the history of their relationship, his commitment to Mineola, and stated that while Trustee Walsh will be missed in Mineola, he will be an asset to the Town of North Hempstead.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato announced several events taking place at Mineola Memorial Library, including a Thanksgiving food drive of non-perishable items through November 15, Toys for Tots from November 16 through December 13, and a blood drive Monday November 8; discussed the Mineola High School Hall of Fame induction during halftime at the October 29 football game; congratulated elected and re-elected officials, and especially Trustee Walsh; thanked all who were involved in making the Village Halloween Party a great success; thanked Mineola Fire Department members for distributing treats to residents on Halloween; announced that Operation Santa is approaching, and reminded residents that clocks will be changed this weekend, and to replace batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Trustee George R. Durham extended condolences to the Luning and Connolly families on the loss of Charles Luning; congratulated Trustee Walsh and all other candidates who won their elections, and reminded residents that Thursday November 11 is Veterans Day.

Trustee Dennis J. Walsh thanked everyone for their kind words, discussed his time on the Board, and congratulated all election winners.

*1 speaker addressed the Board*

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 7:55 PM.**

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		