

## **Minutes - Board Meeting 04/19/06**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, April 19, 2006 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 Ciccone  
Deputy Village Clerk Janet H. Zalkin

### **Sunshine Observers:**

Approximately 20 Observers

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

### **Resolution No. 129-06**

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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

Mark Danielson of Mineola Fire Department Parade, Block Party and Drill Committee reported the on the new parade route. Mr. Danielson also addressed the block party safety concerns that were expressed at a previous meeting. Mr. Danielson announced that the fireworks display would take place on Friday evening and the committee was looking into an escape artist for Saturday evening.

### **Resolution No. 130-06**

Resolved to approve that Mineola Fire Department's appointment of Mitchell Zucker as a new member to Company No. 1.

Motioned by Trustee John S. DaVanzo

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

**Resolution No. 131-06**

Resolved to approve the request by the Mineola Middle School Drama Club for the use of the Wilson Park picnic area on Saturday, June 10, 2006 (rain date 6/11/06) from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM for their annual picnic.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Seconded by Trustee Linda Fairgrieve

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve

Trustee John S. DaVanzo

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Mayor Jack M. Martins

**Resolution No. 132-06**

Resolved to approve the request by Mineola Youth and Family Services for the use of a baseball field and basketball court on Mondays from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM and Tuesdays through Fridays from 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, beginning July 5, 2006 through Friday, August 18, 2006. Be it further resolved to approve the use of the Community Center Gymnasium and a classroom in the event of inclement weather and for an additional two weeks in August to prepare for the annual drama show. Baseball field and basketball court subject to availability.

Motioned by Trustee John S. DaVanzo

Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve

Trustee John S. DaVanzo

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Mayor Jack M. Martins

**Resolution No. 133-06**

Resolved to approve the request by Corpus Christi Church to allow any overflow/vendors utilize the sidewalks in front of the school during their annual Street Fair on April 29, 2006 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM provided that there is notification of the residents in the area.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve

Trustee John S. DaVanzo

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Mayor Jack M. Martins

### Resolution No. 134-06

Resolved to approve the request by FatWire Corporation of Mineola, to hold a company picnic for approximately 60 people on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 from 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM, at the basketball park located on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Old Country Road in Mineola.

Motioned by Trustee Linda Fairgrieve  
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

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

### Resolution No. 135-06

Resolved to approve the application for the 2006 Justice Court assistance program for new computers.

Motioned by Trustee Linda Fairgrieve  
Seconded by Trustee John S. DaVanzo

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

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

Department of Public Works Superintendent, Thomas Rini announced the Arbor Day Tree Planting on Friday, April 28, 2006 as well as the Earth Day Annual Clean-up at Sump 125 near Mineola Memorial Park from 9:00 AM to 12:00PM. Superintendent Rini reported that he would notify the schools and the media.

Building Department Superintendent, Daniel B. Whalen gave the revenue report for the Building Department for March 2006.

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve requested that the reply date for Request for Proposals for an independent consultant to study the Police Task Force Report that were already published in Newsday and the Mineola American also be published in the Sunday New York Times with an extended reply date of 30 days post publication.

Mayor Martins and the members of the Board agreed to publish the RFP in The New York Times.

Mayor Martins asked that we set some parameters on publications.

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve asked if the Village Clerk had looked into publishing the RFP on the website of the New York State Contract Reporter.

Village Clerk, Joseph R. Scalero reported that publication in the New York State Contract Reporter was subject to their publication schedule, which runs at approximately two week intervals and could be included in their next available publication.

Trustee Fairgrieve submitted a list of eight consultants that she found while researching the RFP. Trustee Fairgrieve asked to have the RFP by registered letter sent to the names on the list and allow them the same amount of time to file a response.

Mayor Martins asked Trustee Fairgrieve about the qualifications of the consultants named on the list.

Trustee Fairgrieve said that she found the names and addresses when researching the RFP but did not have their qualifications.

Mayor Martins recommended that we obtain their specific qualifications before we ask them to conduct a study for our Village and doesn't feel that it is appropriate to solicit consultants without them.

Trustee Fairgrieve said that she didn't see what the difference was since part of the RFP requests the qualifications of the respondents.

Mayor Martins suggested that Trustee Fairgrieve mail the Request for Proposals to the list of non-requestors as he is not comfortable sending it from the Village to persons who haven't demonstrated an interest.

Village Attorney, John Spellman indicated that it is not unusual to maintain a list for publishing and invitations; however the recipient companies or individuals are usually pre-qualified. Mr. Spellman suggested that Trustee Fairgrieve submit the list to the Village Clerk for pre-qualification before they are sent the Request for Proposal.

Trustee John DaVanzo stated for the record that he was opposed to Trustee Fairgrieve's request to mail to the names on the list.

Trustee Lawrence Werther agreed that the list of names should be pre-qualified before being sent the Request for Proposals.

Mayor Martins asked that the Village Clerk determine whether the list of names should be mailed the Request for Proposals.

**Trustee Paul S. Cusato requested a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:30 PM.**

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Linda Fairgrieve

**Vote:**

Yes

No

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 8:00 PM.**

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

**Vote:**

Yes

No

Abstain

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

Mayor Martins explained that Board went into Executive Session to discuss our contract with the Mineola Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Mayor Martins said that they also discussed the Village policy to have the Fire Department, Fire Counsel and Auxiliary

Police Department provide the Board of Trustees with the minutes of their monthly meetings.

Mayor Martins asked if there was any other business.

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve asked to have the RFP published in the New York Times National paper on Sundays as there may be interested consultants from the Washington, D.C. area.

Mayor Martins stated that the regional edition might be more appropriate.

Village Clerk, Joseph R. Scalero reported that the quote for the Sunday New York Times National edition was approximately \$1600.00 per Sunday publication. The Sunday New York Times Regional advertising cost is approximately \$1400.00. The total for four Sundays in the Sunday New York Times National edition would be approximately \$6400.00.

Trustee Lawrence Werther objected to spending \$ 6,400.00 on RFP advertisements.

Village Clerk, Joseph R. Scalero reported that the entire annual budget for legal notices is usually \$7,000.00.

Trustee Paul Cusato stated that this is the biggest decision that the Village has ever made and believes that outsourcing is appropriate to get all of the facts.

Trustee John DaVanzo is opposed.

Mayor Martins hopes that spending this kind of money is effective.

#### **Resolution No. 136-06**

Resolved to publish the Request for Proposals in the Sunday New York Times National Edition on four Sundays and be it further resolved to extend the deadline for filing a proposal to thirty days after the last date of publication.

Motioned by Trustee Linda Fairgrieve

Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

#### **Vote:**

##### **Yes**

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve

Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Mayor Jack M. Martins

##### **No**

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Trustee John S. DaVanzo

##### **Abstain**

Trustee Paul Cusato said that he had concerns that the April 8, 2006 Police Hearing was not on Channel 18 and that it was not covered in the *Mineola American*.

Mayor Martins said that Trustee Cusato should speak to the *Mineola American* about their coverage of the hearing and that he wasn't aware that the hearing did not appear on Channel 18. Mayor Martins questioned why Trustee Cusato hadn't called him to voice his concerns.

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve suggested that maybe there should be a policy on the number of times that each meeting is shown on Channel 18.

Mayor Martins suggested that they continue this discussion at the next meeting.

**Mayor Martins requested a motion to close the Work Session at 8:15 PM.**

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

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

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 8:15 PM.**

Mayor Martins introduced Matt Smith from Standard Valuation Services. Mr. Smith presented some options to alleviate the tax certiorari burden. Mr. Smith explained the advantages of adopting the Nassau County Tax Roll and discussed the Homestead tax option.

The Board of Trustees asked a number of questions pertaining to Mr. Smith's proposals and agreed to continue their discussion in May.

Mayor Martins reported that the Mineola Boulevard Bridge was recognized nationally and received the ACEC 2006 Silver Award for Engineering Excellence.

Mayor Martins noted that now that spring is here, garbage and overgrowth must be addressed by the business and/or property owners. Mayor Martins reported that the Sanitation Department had already distributed flyers to business owners and asked everyone to do their part. Mayor Martins asked that the Department of Public Works review the abandoned bicycles that have been left throughout the Village.

Mayor Martins asked the Board of Trustees to consider a Local Law that would prohibit keeping trash on the sides of buildings until pick-up. Mayor Martins asked Village Attorney John Spellman to draft a Local Law that would require trash to be kept behind the building or at least screened off from public view.

Trustee Lawrence Werther gave an update on the Mineola Memorial Library. Trustee Werther congratulated the new officers of the Mineola Chamber of Commerce, President, Steve Ford and Vice President, John Broder. Trustee Werther complimented outgoing President Carmela Bernacchio on all of her accomplishments.

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve gave the Justice Court figures for January and February. Trustee Fairgrieve complimented Carmela Bernacchio of the Chamber of Commerce on an outstanding job as President.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato reported on the Mineola Fire Department's Installation of Officers. Trustee Cusato also gave a detailed report on the number of calls and types of calls answered by the Mineola Fire Department. Trustee Cusato congratulated Trustee Werther on his son Joseph's Eagle Scout award.

Mayor Martins asked Trustee Cusato if he could include a list of automatic/false alarms in his monthly Fire Department report.

Trustee John DaVanzo reported on the Square Dance on April 8, 2006. He also reported on the progress of the Centennial Journal.

**Mayor Martins requested a motion to close the meeting at 9:55 PM.**

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**

**Abstain**

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph R. Scalero  
Village Clerk