

**Minutes - Board Meeting 06/21/06**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, June 21, 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  
Deputy Village Clerk Janet H. Zalkin

**Sunshine Observers:** Approximately 15 Observers

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

*A Public Hearing was held at 6:30 PM at the Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York, 11501 in order to receive public comment upon the following:*

***TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS TO INCREASE  
TAXI FARES IN THE VILLAGE OF MINEOLA***

**Resolution No. 253-06**

Resolved to increase the single passenger taxi rate from \$3.00 to \$4.00 and the per hour waiting time rate from \$20.00 to \$25.00.

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

**Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero polled the Board:**

**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. 254-06**

Resolved to approve taxi rate increases effective July 1, 2006.

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

**Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero polled the Board:**

**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 close the hearing at 7:00 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 opened Work Session at 7:10 PM.**

Mayor Martins introduced Jackie Carway and members of the Evening Star Quilters who presented the Board of Trustees with a collection of quilts to be donated to Winthrop-University Hospital and other organizations.

Chief Jack Gayson of the Mineola Fire Department reported on fire calls, mutual aid and other Fire Department activities for the month of May.

Mark Danielson of the Mineola Fire Department gave an update on open items and final plans for their upcoming Parade, Drill and Block Party.

Library Board President Paul May reported on the state of the Mineola Memorial Library. Mr. May discussed all aspects of the library including staffing, membership, programs and finances.

#### **Resolution No. 255-06**

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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 requested a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:40 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

**Mayor Martins requested a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:20 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

Village Attorney John Spellman reported on a Notice of Claim for a sewer back-up received by the Village. Mr. Spellman recommended that the Board members pass a resolution settle the claim for \$5,000.00.

**Resolution No. 256-06**

Resolved to settle the claim for damages caused by sewer back-up for \$5,000.00.

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

Village Attorney John Spellman also reported on the ongoing litigation against Waste Management and the Town of North Hempstead regarding inappropriate tipping fees charged to the Village of Mineola. Mr. Spellman explained that the Village was prepared to go to trial unless we were offered an acceptable settlement. Mr. Spellman recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a settlement if an acceptable offer is presented.

**Resolution No. 257-06**

Resolved to authorize Village Attorney, John Spellman to settle the Waste Management case as discussed.

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

Village Clerk, Joseph R. Scalero gave an update on the Mineola Police Department Request for Proposals. Mr. Scalero reported that three proposals received by the due date of June 16, 2006 were opened in the presence of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Scalero reported that copies of each proposal were provided to the Board members as well as the Police Task Force Committee for review.

Mayor Martins thanked Trustee Linda Fairgrieve for her help in providing the RFP to the parties on the list that she provided.

#### **Resolution No. 258-06**

Resolved to approve the previously tabled minutes of March 1, 2006.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Seconded by Trustee John S. DaVanzo

#### **Vote:**

##### **Yes**

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

##### **No**

##### **Abstain**

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

**Mayor Martins requested a motion to close the Work Session at 8:25 PM.**

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

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**

**Mayor Martins opened the Public Meeting at 8:25 PM.**

Mayor Martins congratulated the Mineola Pool staff on the pool opening on Saturday, June 17, 2006. Mayor Martins reported that there was a lifeguard shortage and hoped to have a full crew in the near future. Mayor Martins thanked the VFW and American Legion for hosting Flag Day on June 14, 2006. Mayor Martins congratulated Charlie Melvin on becoming President of the Leisure Club. Mayor Martins reported that the Village had been recognized by Vision Long Island for its Downtown Revitalization and Master Plan. Mayor Martins thanked Village Attorney John Spellman for his diligence on the Waste Management case.

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther thanked Library Board President Paul May for his report on the Mineola Library. Trustee Werther gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce.

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve gave the Justice Court report for May 2006. Trustee Fairgrieve thanked the Mineola High School students for inviting her, Trustees DaVanzo and Cusato to a Living History performed by Mineola High School graduates.

Trustee Paul Cusato congratulated the Mineola Pool Board and staff on the pool opening. Trustee Cusato reported on the upcoming Nassau County Fireman's drill, parade and block party.

Trustee John DaVanzo thanked Mineola High School students for the invitation to participate in the Living History program. Trustee DaVanzo gave an update on the Centennial Journal as well as the applications for the November Centennial Parade.

Mayor Martins recognized Police Officer John Larson from the Third Precinct who was in the audience.

Village Attorney John Spellman reported on his meeting with local business owners and merchants near the train station regarding the homeless population. Mr. Spellman reported that the merchants expressed concern about dangerous situations created by the homeless presence such as fire, sanitation and the overall safety of their patrons.

Mayor Martins commented on how little we as a village are able to do about the homeless situation and how much we rely on the Third Precinct. Mayor Martins discussed how much county money is spent annually to provide programs and services for the homeless. Mayor Martins stated that he is concerned about the rights of our residents, too.

Police Officer John Larson of the Third Precinct discussed the departmental procedures for working with the homeless population as well as the coalition for the homeless.

**Mayor Martins requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 11:05 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