

Minutes - Board Meeting 08/02/06

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, August 2, 2006 Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501.

PRESENT: Mayor Jack M. Martins
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato

ALSO PRESENT: Benjamin Truncale for Village Attorney John Spellman
Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero
Deputy Village Clerk Janet H. Zalkin

Press Observer: Joe Rizza, *Mineola American*

Sunshine Observers: Approximately 20 Observers

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

Mayor Martins excused Trustee John DaVanzo and Trustee Linda Fairgrieve from the meeting.

Mayor Martins offered his condolences to the family of former Trustee Angelo Plaia.

Resolution No. 277-06

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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

Vote:

Yes

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Mayor Jack M. Martins

No

Absent

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve
Trustee John S. DaVanzo

Resolution No. 278-06

Resolved to approve the Mineola Athletic Association's request to use Wilson Park for a picnic on Saturday, August 12, 2006 (rain date 8/13/06) from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM as long as it does not interfere with other park activities.

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

Vote:

Yes

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Mayor Jack M. Martins

No

Absent

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve
Trustee John S. DaVanzo

The Board members discussed the proposals that were received in response to the Mineola Police Department RFP.

Trustee Cusato indicated that he was in favor of the proposal submitted by CGR for \$112,000.00, stating that their approach to the study made sense to him.

Trustee Werther reported that he would dismiss from consideration the firm that put in a bid for architectural work. Trustee Werther also reported that he had contacted some of the firms on Trustee Fairgrieve's list from a previous meeting and received conflicting information.

Mayor Martins also dismissed the firm that submitted an architectural proposal because it doesn't apply to the RFP. Mayor Martins stated that he didn't feel that either of the other two firms that submitted proposals had the expertise to conduct the analysis that was requested. Mayor Martins also stated that he could think of a number of alternative ways to use that kind of money such as for roof repairs, road paving and athletic fields.

Deputy Prosecutor Benjamin Truncale gave a brief explanation of the North Shore Heritage Area Management Plan and indicated that the plan would be discussed in more detail at a later date.

Mayor Martins requested a motion to close the Work Session at 7:15 PM.

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

Vote:

Yes

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Mayor Jack M. Martins

No

Absent

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve
Trustee John S. DaVanzo

Mayor Martins opened the Public Meeting at 7:30 PM.

Mayor Martins offered his condolences to the families of Julia O'Brien and former Village Trustee Angelo Plaia.

Commander Sal Cataldo and members of the American Legion and VFW presented Mayor Martins and the Board with a 25-foot American Flag that had been deposited at Village Hall.

Mayor Martins announced that Suzanne Skaflestad of Mineola Youth and Family Services and Director of the Mineola Summer Recreation Program was leaving the area at the end of the summer. Mayor Martins commended Mrs. Skaflestad on her work over the past seven years and said would be greatly missed.

Mayor Martins reported that this was the last day for the public to submit comments on the application for the Verizon Cable Franchise Agreement. Mayor Martins stated that the Board of Trustees would be reviewing the comments from the public, Cablevision, and Verizon before the next meeting.

Mayor Martins also reported on a meeting with the Metropolitan Transit Authority on August 1, 2006 to discuss the repaving schedule for the area south of the tracks and the necessary police coverage in and around the MTA's new Mineola Intermodal Center parking facility prior to its opening.

Mayor Martins also met with Nassau County Police Department Inspector Turk and MTA Captain Keirin on August 2, 2006 regarding the responsibility of ensuring public safety around the area of the train station.

Mayor Martins reported that the Village lost approximately 100 trees last week and many Village residents suffered power outages as a result of last week's wind storm.

Trustee Lawrence Werther gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce and upcoming events. Trustee Werther thanked the Department of Public Works for the water clean-up effort prior to the Nassau Pops Concert.

Trustee Paul Cusato reported on a fire at 100 Lincoln Avenue and commended the Mineola Fire Department.

Mayor Martins reported that Athletic Field #3 located behind the pool and the former dump, is in very bad shape. Mayor Martins asked Trustee Paul Cusato to explore the Village's options to rehabilitate Field #3.

Mayor Martins requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 9:10 PM.

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

Vote:

Yes

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Mayor Jack M. Martins

No

Absent

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve
Trustee John S. DaVanzo

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph R. Scalero
Village Clerk