

Minutes – Board Meeting 1/19/05

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at the Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York.

PRESENT: Mayor Jack M. Martins
Deputy Mayor Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Louis Santosus, Jr.
Trustee Linda Fairgrieve (arrived during executive session)
Trustee Paul S. Cusato

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney John Spellman
Village Clerk Michael E. Arens
Village Treasurer Richard Dwyer
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas Rini
Building Superintendent Daniel B. Whalen
Water Department Superintendent Frederick Booher
Deputy Village Clerk Janet H. Zalkin

Sunshine Observers: 2 people in attendance

Mayor Martins opened the work session at 6:30 PM.

Resolution No. 18-05

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee Louis Santosus, Jr.

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

Trustee Louis Santosus, Jr.
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Mayor Jack M. Martins

Resolution No. 19-05

Resolved to approve the appointments of the following new members to the Mineola Fire Department:

Christopher Williams	Company No. 2
Joseph Monez	Company No. 1
Michael Stack	Company No. 3

Motioned by Trustee Louis Santosus, Jr.
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

Trustee Louis Santosus, Jr.
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Mayor Jack M. Martins

Resolution No. 20-05

Resolved to approve Change Order No. 2 for \$1,774.31 for the Clearwell repairs at Well No. 4.

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

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

Trustee Louis Santosus, Jr.
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Mayor Jack M. Martins

Department of Public Works Superintendent, Thomas Rini reported on the large number of bicycles tied to poles as well as portable basketball hoops left in the streets and in the right of way. The bicycles and hoops can cause damage to the DPW vehicles that are trying to clear the roads and walk ways as well as damage to property. The department plans to send notices out advising owners to remove the portable basketball hoops. Bicycles will be tagged allowing 24 to 48 hours for owners to remove them. Thereafter, the bicycles will be removed.

Mayor Martins suggested making this a quarterly activity.

Superintendent Daniel B. Whalen gave the Building Department's monthly report.

Mayor Martins reports on a Newsday article regarding District Attorney Denis Dillon's actions against illegal housing. Mayor Martins said that he is sending Mr. Dillon a letter to offer his assistance since the Village of Mineola has been aggressive on this issue.

Mayor Martins requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 6:55 PM.

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

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

Trustee Louis Santosus, Jr.
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Mayor Jack M. Martins

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:35 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee Louis Santosus, Jr.

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve
Trustee Louis Santosus, Jr.
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Mayor Jack M. Martins

Mayor Martins stated that there was no resolution to the personnel issues discussed in Executive Session and the board members agreed to table their discussion.

Mayor Martins gave a presentation on the potential devastating impacts to the Village as a result of Nassau County's planned sale of the Social Services Building and surrounding parking lots. The County's plan would eliminate approximately 1,300 parking spaces. Given the parking restrictions in the adjoining Garden City community, the vehicles would, in all likelihood seek parking in our Village and the potential impact to Mineola's residential and business communities from having to absorb these vehicles would be severe. The County did not respond to Mayor's letter requesting clarification and written assurances that the parking lots would not be closed until such time as there was adequate, alternative, on-site parking. In the hope of maintaining the status quo until such time as the County had adequate, alternative on-site parking in place, the Mayor requested that the Board authorize seeking judicial intervention to protect the quality of life of Village residents and protect the already parking starved business district.

Resolution No. 21-05

Resolved to seek judicial intervention against the County of Nassau regarding the sale of the parking lots in the vicinity of the Social Services building pursuant to the County's Real Estate Consolidation Plan until such time as the County provides adequate, alternative, on-site parking to offset the approximately 1,300 displaced parking spaces and prevent irreparable harm to our residential and business communities.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee Louis Santosus, Jr.

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve
Trustee Louis Santosus, Jr.
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Mayor Jack M. Martins

Mayor Martins requested to close the Work Session at 7:45 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee Louis Santosus, Jr.

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve
Trustee Louis Santosus, Jr.
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Mayor Jack M. Martins

Mayor Martins opened the Public Meeting at 7:45 PM.

Mayor Martins invited residents to familiarize themselves with the school board issues as two thirds of their tax bill goes towards school taxes. Mayor Martins reported that the Village's Master Plan Committee would be meeting on January 25, 2005 for a discussion on Master Plan proposals to be considered.

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther reported that Mayor Martins and the Chamber of Commerce would be hosting a forum for community business owners of January 24, 2005. He gave an update on upcoming library events and gave a report on Justice Court.

Trustee Louis Santosus reminded residents of the importance of getting cars out of the street when it snows.

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve had no report.

Trustee Paul Cusato reminded residents that the P.A.L. is hosting the annual football awards ceremony on Friday, January 21, 2005.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Seconded by Trustee Louis Santosus, Jr.

Vote:

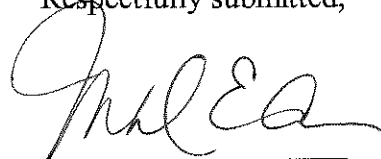
Yes

No

Abstain

Trustee Linda Fairgrieve
Trustee Louis Santosus, Jr.
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Mayor Jack M. Martins

Respectfully submitted,



Michael E. Arens
Village Clerk