

## Minutes - Board Meeting 12/7/2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, December 7, 2016 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 D. Pardo  
Village Treasurer Giacomo Ciccone

**Press Observer:** *Williston Times*

**Sunshine Observers:** 9 Observers

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Work Session to order at 6:30 PM.**

*A special ceremony was held in remembrance of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack. Mineola World War II veterans Thomas Scardino, Ray Vaz and Anthony Catalano received proclamations from the Board of Trustees. World War II veterans Walter Hobbs, Bernard Sherry and Edward Solosky were unable to attend, but were also honored.*

### Resolution No. 255-16

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

#### **Vote:**

<u><b>Yes</b></u>	<u><b>No</b></u>	<u><b>Abstain</b></u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

### Resolution No. 256-16

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees from November 2, November 9 and November 16, 2016.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

#### **Vote:**

<u><b>Yes</b></u>	<u><b>No</b></u>	<u><b>Abstain</b></u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

**Resolution No. 257-16**

Resolved to approve a request by Mineola Nassau County Police Activity League for the use of the Village Hall Community Center gymnasium Thursday and Friday evenings January 5 – March 31, 2017 to conduct its Boys and Girls Lacrosse programs.

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. 258-16**

Resolved to approve a request by the County Seat Kiwanis Club for the use of the Village Hall Community Center Saturday February 4, 2017 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm and Sunday February 5, 2017 from 6:00 am – 1:00 pm to conduct its Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast.

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

**Resolution No. 259-16**

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Junior Fire Department for the use of the Village Hall Community Center to conduct its Pasta Dinner on Saturday March 11, 2017 and Sunday March 12 beginning at 8:00 am.

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. 260-16**

Resolved to approve the membership of the following candidate as recommended by the Mineola Fire Department:

Marciano Itri                      Company 1

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

*Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero presented a Justice Court report for November 2016.*

**Resolution No. 261-16**

Resolved to retain PBI Payroll to provide payroll services.

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. 262-16**

Resolved to authorize the following benefit payouts from the Fire Service Award Fund to the following Mineola Fire Department Volunteer Firefighters, pursuant to the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) effective January 1, 2017:

Thomas F. Casement	\$260.00 per month
William J. D’Avanzo Jr.	\$400.00 per month
Michael A. DeStefano	\$580.00 per month
Jack Fernandes	\$600.00 per month
Eleuterio Gauto	\$36,303.72 One-time lump-sum payout

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. 263-16**

Resolved to approve the following payment in the amount of \$ 9,088.06 from the Water Reserve Fund in FY 2016-2017:

VENDOR	AMOUNT	PROJECT
Dvirka & Bartilucci	\$ 9,088.06	Well #1

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

**Mayor Scott R. Strauss requested a motion to close the Work Session at 7:30 PM**

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

**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.  
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**Press Observer:**

*Williston Times*

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9 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss reported on a graffiti incident which took place and announced a reward to catch the vandal(s); mentioned what an honor it was to have the World War II veterans attend the ceremony earlier in the evening; stated that the annual Christmas Tree Lighting was a successful event; reminded residents that snow season is coming and to move vehicles off street when there are two or more inches of snow; encouraged residents to sign up for snow emergency notifications on the Village of Mineola website; and, congratulated Trustee Paul A. Pereira on being selected Nassau County Soccer Coach of the Year.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira discussed the graffiti incident as not representative of our community; thanked all who coordinated and attended the World War II veterans ceremony; stated that the Mineola Portuguese Center recently celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary; stated that he attended the Winthrop University Hospital tree lighting; and recalled that it is the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the LIRR massacre.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato congratulated the Mineola Portuguese Center on its anniversary and thanked them; commended the Department of Public Works for their work hanging holiday lights and decorating the tree; gave kudos to the staff of the Recreation Department on the great job they

do arranging community events; reminded residents of the *Toys-for-Tots* collection locations and pick up date; and announced that the Mineola Fire Department’s Operation Santa is booking appointments.

Trustee George R. Durham thanked all those who arranged and participated in the Christmas Tree Lighting to make it a success; reminded residents to support local businesses by shopping and eating locally; and wished residents a happy holiday season.

Trustee Dennis Walsh discussed the significance of December 7 acknowledging the World War II veterans and the loss of a friend in Vietnam 45 years ago on this date; reported that Senior Appreciation Day was a success and thanked local businesses who support the event; stated that Senator Jack Martins’ toy drive for Winthrop University Hospital’s pediatrics division is underway and wished residents a happy holiday season

*4 Speakers addressed the Board*

*Mayor Scott P. Strauss announced that the December 21, 2016 meeting may be cancelled due to the approaching holidays.*

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 8:00 PM.**

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

**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		