

**Minutes - Board Meeting – 04/8/2015**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Tuesday, April 8, 2015 at Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**ALSO PRESENT:** Village Attorney John P. Gibbons  
Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero  
Deputy Village Clerk Cora T. Kelly  
Village Treasurer Giacomo A. Ciccone  
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini

**Press Observer:** *Mineola American*

**Sunshine Observers:** 7 Observers

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

**Resolution No. 61-15**

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

**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 George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

**Resolution No. 62-15**

Resolved to approve the minutes from the meetings of the Board of Trustees of March 4, 2015, March 11, 2015 and March 19, 2015.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**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 George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

**Resolution No. 63-15**

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Volunteer Ambulance Corp for the use of Wilson Park picnic area and the John S. DaVanzo Community Pool for its department picnic on Saturday, August 1, 2015 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Motioned by Trustee George R. Durham  
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 64-15**

Resolved to approve a request from The Birchwood Court Owners, Inc. for the use of the Community Center auditorium for its annual shareholder meeting Thursday May 21, 2015 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh  
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 65-15**

Resolved to approve a request by the Evening Star Quilters for use of a Community Center general purpose room for monthly meetings on the first Thursday of the month from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM for the following dates:

June 4, 2015	October 1, 2015	February 4, 2016
July 2, 2015	November 5, 2015	March 3, 2016
August 6, 2015	December 3, 2015	April 7, 2016
September 3, 2015	January 7, 2016	May 5, 2016

and for the use of a Community Center general purpose room for monthly board meetings on the third Thursday of the month for the following dates from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM:

June 18, 2015	October 15, 2015	February 18, 2016
July 16, 2015	November 19, 2015	March 17, 2016
August 20, 2015	December 17, 2015	April 21, 2016
September 17, 2015	January 21, 2016	May 19, 2016

Motioned by Trustee George R. Durham  
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 66-15**

Resolved to approve a request from the Daughters of Portugal for the use of Wilson Park during the New York State Portugal Day Parade on May 31, 2015.

Motioned by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh  
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 67-15**

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Alheirense Cultural Center to close the one-way entrance to Field #2 on Willis Avenue and to close parking spaces #46-52, #18-29 and #17-10 on Sunday May 24, 2015 from 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM for its annual picnic.

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 George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 68-15**

Resolved to approve a request by the Knights of Columbus Corpus Christi Council #2502 for the use of the Wilson Park picnic area for a picnic on Saturday, August 15, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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 George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 69-15**

Resolved to approve a request by Senator Jack M. Martins for the use of the Board Room for a school awards presentation on Thursday April 16, 2015 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Motioned by Trustee George R. Durham  
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 70-15**

Resolved to authorize the Village to enter into a contract with eWorks for the disposal of electronic waste (eWaste) items in the Village.

Contractor: eWorks  
Cost of Disposal: No Cost

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 George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 71-15**

Resolved to authorize Change Order No. 1 to the Mineola Memorial Park Bandshell Project:

Contractor: Valente Contracting  
Change Order Amount: \$ 26,840.00

Reason for Change Order: Provide decorative park lighting poles and bases

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 George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 72-15**

Resolved to authorize a day off, to be used within this calendar year and with no monetary payouts, for the following essential employees required to work on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 for “Winter Storm Juno” when village offices were closed and non-essential employees were ordered to stay home:

**Dept. 5010 - Street Administration:**

Thomas J. Rini, Leonard M. Palumbo

**Dept. 1640 – Central Garage:**

Tiberio Balos, Thomas Mikowski, Daniel Watts

**Dept. 3320 – Parking Meters:**

Helio Favas, Daniel Ramalhete

**Dept. 5110 – Street Maintenance:**

Diogo Casimiro, Giacomo Ciccone, David DaSilva, Ronald DeCarolus, Leonardo DeRisi, Vito Errico, Daniel Escobar, Gabriel Fernandes, Peter Ferreira, Mark Miceli, Sean McCrave, Jorge Padinha, Javier Palacio, Michael Palumbo

**Dept. 7140 – Culture & Recreation:**

Alexandre Ramalhete

**Dept. 8120: - Sanitary Sewer:**

Frank Heinrich, Joseph Posillico

**Dept. 8160 – Refuse Collection:**

Daniel Acosta, James Boroslawski, Mark Deodato, Jesse Faison, Frank Giordano, Clinton Morris

**Dept. 8310 - Water**

Thomas Gaines, Manny Fernandes, Anibal Gonzalez, William Symington, Gary Tuthill

Motioned by Trustee George R. Durham  
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

**Vote:**  

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

**Resolution No. 73-15**

Resolved to declare Friday, April 24, 2015 as “Arbor Day” within the Village of Mineola, to be commemorated by planting a tree.

Motioned by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh  
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

**Vote:**  

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

**Resolution No. 74-15**

Request a resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the Purchase of One, New 75 Foot Mid Mount Aerial Bucket Truck:

Vendor: Seagrave Fire Apparatus  
Change Order No. 1 Amount: \$ 50,979.85

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Vote:**  

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

**Resolution No. 75-15**

Resolved to accept the retirement resignation of Laborer Richard Zbikowski and approve a lump-sum separation payout for unused accumulated time and in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective as of May 28, 2015.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

**Vote:**  

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

**Resolution No. 76-15**

Resolved to approve payments totaling \$15,496.11 from the Development Incentive Bonus Funds in FY 2014-2015:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project</u>
\$ 3,531.22	Memorial Park Project
\$ 10,340.14	Memorial Park Project
\$ 877.25	Water Distribution System Hydraulic Modeling
<u>\$ 747.50</u>	Downtown Housing Study
\$ 15,496.11	Total

Motioned by Trustee George R. Durham  
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

**Vote:**  
**Yes** **No** **Abstain**  
Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**Resolution No. 77-15**

Resolved to authorize the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer to attend the 2015 PACE Users Conference in Orlando, Florida September 20-23, 2015.

Motioned by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh  
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

**Vote:**  
**Yes** **No** **Abstain**  
Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

*Mayor Strauss presented a brief synopsis of the FY2015/2016 Tentative Budget highlighting the increases and decreases stating that, overall the changes result in a tax levy of .16%. Mayor Strauss then called upon Village Treasurer Giacomo Ciccone to present proposed line item changes to the FY2015/2016 Tentative Budget.*

**Resolution No. 78-15**

Resolved to adopt changes to the FY2015/2016 Tentative Budget.

Motioned by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh  
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

**Vote:**  
**Yes** **No** **Abstain**  
Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

*Mayor Scott P. Strauss reminded residents that there would be a Public Hearing on the Budget April 15, 2015 at 6:30 PM and encouraged all residents to attend.*

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Budget Work Session at 7:05 PM**

Motioned by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh  
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
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 George R. Durham  
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Village Attorney John M. Spellman  
Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero  
Deputy Village Clerk Cora T. Kelly  
Village Treasurer Giacomo A. Ciccone  
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini

**Press Observer:**

*Mineola American*

**Sunshine Observers:**

12 Observers

*Mayor Scott P. Strauss announced that Trustee Paul A. Pereira is not able to attend the meeting due to a family obligation.*

Mayor Scott P. Strauss congratulated Trustees George Durham and Dennis Walsh on their re-election and thanked those that supported him in his re-election as Mayor; congratulated Bill and Diane Cassidy as the “Irish Couple of the Year” by the Mineola Knights of Columbus and reminded residents of the Mineola Athletic Association Opening Day Parade on Saturday April 11 and encouraged residents to come out and show their support.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato congratulated Mayor Strauss and Trustees Durham and Walsh on their re-election; thanked the Mineola Junior Fire Department on another successful Pasta Dinner and thanked the residents that came out to support the Junior Fire Department. Trustee Cusato reported on the Portuguese Lions Club Breakfast on Palm Sunday commenting that it was very well attended and thanked them for their hospitality.

Trustee George R. Durham congratulated Mayor Strauss and Trustee Walsh on their re-election and thanked residents for their support in their re-elections. Trustee Durham encouraged residents to come out and support the Mineola Athletic Association Opening Day Parade stating that it is always a wonderful event.

Trustee Dennis Walsh thanked the residents that came out and voted; congratulated Mayor Strauss and Trustee Durham on their re-election. Trustee Walsh reported on a resident’s letter regarding a bus stop that was removed during the Winthrop University Research Center construction, asking if and when it would be replaced, and Trustee Walsh reported that the bus stop had in fact already been restored at the time the letter was written. Trustee Walsh reported on helicopter noise pollution and encouraged residents, if possible, to get the aircraft numbers and report them to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Trustee Walsh also reported on the reading of the Irish Declaration of Independence, which prompted the Easter Rebellion of April 16, 1916.

*3 Speakers addressed the Board*

**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 George R. Durham

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