

Minutes - Board Meeting 01/17/2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, January 17, 2018 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
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini

Press Observer: *Williston Times*

Sunshine Observers: 1 Observer

Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Work Session to order at 6:35 PM.

Resolution No. 21-18

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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

Vote:

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

Resolution No. 22-18

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees from December 6, December 13, and December 20, 2017, as amended.

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 Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

Resolution No. 23 -18

Resolved to affix the date and polling location for the 2018 Village Election.

WHEREAS, the third Tuesday in March in each and every year is determined and fixed by the Village Law as the date for the holding of the Annual Village Election, except when this day falls on March 17 (in which it will be held on Wednesday, March 18).

AND, WHEREAS, the said date will be **Tuesday March 20, 2018**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual Village Election for the Village of Mineola shall be held on the third **TUESDAY** in March 2018, namely **March 20**, from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm for the purpose of electing the following officers for the term set opposite thereto respectively:

MAYOR – FOUR (4) - YEAR TERM
VILLAGE TRUSTEE – FOUR (4) – YEAR TERM
VILLAGE TRUSTEE – FOUR (4) – YEAR TERM
VILLAGE JUSTICE – FOUR (4) – YEAR TERM

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Election be held in the following designated place:

MINEOLA COMMUNITY CENTER
Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, NY

By Order of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated
Village of Mineola

Joseph R. Scalero
Village Clerk

DATED: JANUARY 16, 2018

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. 24-18

Resolved to approve a request by Winthrop University Hospital for the use of the Village Hall Community Center auditorium to conduct its “Health Update for Seniors” seminars from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Wednesdays March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12, 2018.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira
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. 25-18

Resolved to approve a request from the Birchwood Court Owners, Inc. for use of the Community Center auditorium for their Annual Shareholder Meeting Tuesday May 15, 2018 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

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 Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

Resolution No. 26-18

Resolved to approve a request by Boy Scouts Troop 45 for the use of the Wilson Park Picnic Area and Field 2 to hold a Memorial Day Event on Monday May 28, 2018 at 1:00 PM.

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. 27-18

Resolved to authorize the Superintendent of Public Works to attend the American Water Works Association - New York Section Water Conference in Saratoga Springs, New York, April 9-12, 2018.

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 Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

Resolution No. 28-18

Resolved to authorize a day off for essential employees required to work Thursday January 4, 2018 for “Winter Storm Grayson” when Village Offices were closed.

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. 29-18

Resolved to remove 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe, Vehicle Identification Number 1GNEK13R7XR151057 from vehicle inventory and declare it as surplus equipment in order to dispose of it as scrap equipment.

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 Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

Resolution No. 30-18

Resolved to authorize the installation of a Handicap Reserved Parking Space adjacent to 256 Royal Avenue, Mineola.

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

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 Attorney John P. Gibbons, Jr. introduced the following resolution:

Resolution No. 31-18

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MINEOLA**

**APPOINTMENT OF FIRST BOARD MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF
ASSESSMENT REVIEW, FIXING TERMS OF OFFICE, ESTABLISH A COURSE OF
TRAINING, FIXING COMPENSATION AND REQUIRING MEMBERS TO COMPLY
WITH THE VILLAGE'S ANNUAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

WHEREAS, by Local Law #1 of 2018, the Board of Trustees amended Section 115 of the Municipal Code of the Incorporated Village of Mineola, Section 115-12C, entitled "Board of Assessment Review", to establish a three (3) member Board of Assessment Review pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §523; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Trustees that the Board of Assessment Review shall have all powers and duties set forth in Real Property Tax Law §523; it is therefore

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §523-1(a)-(c), the Board of Trustees hereby appoints the following individuals to the Board of Assessment Review for the initial terms indicated in the parentheses set forth after their names: John Bernardes (for an initial term of three years); Andrew Ward (for an initial term of four years), and Frank Hoare (for an initial term of five years). Thereafter, all members of the Board of Assessment Review shall be appointed for a term of five (5) years. The terms of office of members of the Board of Assessment Review shall commence on the 1st day of October and terminate on the 13th day of September, five (5) years thereafter; and it is further

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §523-1(e), the members of the Board of Assessment Review shall annually choose one of their number to serve as Chairperson of the Board and shall notify the Village Clerk within five days after the person is so designated; and it is further

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §523-1(g), the Board of Trustees hereby fixes the compensation of members of the Board of Assessment Review at \$200.00 per meeting; and it is further

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §523-1(h), the Board of Assessment Review may appoint a secretary who shall perform such confidential duties and such other duties as are necessary to enable the Board of Assessment Review to properly and efficiently carry out their duties. The compensation of such secretary shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees; and it is further

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §523-2, each member of the Board of Assessment Review shall attend a training course to be conducted by the Village Attorney's Office each year, on a date convenient for the Board members. The training shall include, but not be limited to, the functions, duties and responsibilities of the Board of Assessment Review, assessment review, assessment procedures, exemption administration, real property tax legislation, judicial decisions, and administrative opinions; and it is further

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §523-3, members of the Board of Assessment Review shall be required to comply with the Village's Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure to ensure that no member acts upon any case where he or she has a direct or indirect interest in any property for which a complaint has been filed.

Dated: Mineola, New York
January 17, 2018

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

Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero polled the Board:

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

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

Resolution No. 32-18

Resolved to amend Resolution 28-18 to authorize a day off for essential employees required to work Thursday January 4, 2018 for “Winter Storm Grayson” when Village Offices were closed, adding that days are to be used within one (1) year or forfeited.

Motioned by Trustee Dennis J. Walsh

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

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Work Session at 6:45 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.

Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero

Deputy Village Clerk Linda D. Pardo

Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini

Press Observer:

Williston Times

Mineola American

Sunshine Observers:

6 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss discussed the recent snow event, urging residents to shovel corners and hydrants; noted the excellent job done by the Department of Public Works, and encouraged residents to attend the Kiwanis Super Bowl pancake breakfast fundraiser Sunday February 4. Mayor Strauss added that he recently met with the Nassau County Department of Public Works on an unrelated issue, but snow removal was discussed.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira discussed the recent snowstorm and commented on the excellent condition of the Village roads in comparison to Nassau County roads.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato discussed the snow event, and thanked the Department of Public Works, the Mineola Fire Department, and residents, who moved cars and shoveled hydrants; congratulated Nassau County Legislator Rich Nicolello on being elected Presiding Officer, and discussed the snow removal problem on County roads with him at a Chamber of Commerce meeting; reported that the Chamber of Commerce “Taste and Style” fundraiser funds were distributed to local groups, and announced the Kiwanis Super Bowl pancake breakfast fundraiser.

Trustee George R. Durham had no report.

Trustee Dennis J. Walsh also congratulated Rich Nicolello; stated that the 55 new commuter parking spaces are still being underutilized; congratulated incoming Irish American Society President Jeff Clark, and stated that the Irish Consul General is coming to Mineola on January 28 at the Irish American Center.

Mayor Strauss added that any Board Members’ comments regarding Nassau County snow removal were not intended to be critical of Presiding Officer Nicolello personally, and thanked Presiding Officer Nicolello for hearing the Village of Mineola’s concerns regarding County plowing.

1 speaker addressed the Board

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 7:51 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira
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 Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		