

**Minutes - Board Meeting – 02/02/2011**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee Scott P. Strauss

**ALSO PRESENT:** Village Attorney, John M. Spellman  
Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero  
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini

**Press Observer:** Rich Forestano, *Mineola American*  
Geoffrey Walter, *Patch .com*

**Sunshine Observers:** 11 Observers  
**Mayor Lawrence A. Werther called the Work Session to order at 6:35 PM.**

**Resolution No.12-11**

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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

**Vote:**  
**Yes** **No** **Abstain**  
Mayor Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee Scott P. Strauss

**Resolution No. 13-11**

Resolved to approve the minutes from the meetings of the Board of Trustees of December 8, 2010 and December 15, 2010 as amended.

Motioned by Trustee Scott P. Strauss  
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

**Vote:**  
**Yes** **No** **Abstain**  
Mayor Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee Scott P. Strauss

**Resolution No. 14-11**

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Fire Department for budget transfers in the amount of \$4,000.00 from the following lines:

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| From: | (SCBA-SCOTT MASKS)   | \$2,000.00 |
| To :  | (REPAIRS: EQUIPMENT) | \$2,000.00 |
| From: | (OSHA MEDICALS)      | \$ 500.00  |
|       | (DEFENSIVE DRIVING)  | \$ 500.00  |
| TO :  | (MISC. SUPPLIES)     | \$1,000.00 |
| FROM: | (UNIFORMS)           | \$1,000.00 |
| TO :  | (BADGES & PLAQUES)   | \$1,000.00 |

Motioned by Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy  
Seconded by Trustee Scott P. Strauss

**Vote:**  
**Yes** **No** **Abstain**  
Mayor Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee Scott P. Strauss

**Resolution No. 15-11**

Resolved to authorize the Mayor to execute the Community Development Block Grant 36<sup>th</sup> Year Funding Agreement between Nassau County and the Village of Mineola.



February 11, 2011.

**Mayor Lawrence A. Werther requested a motion to close the Work Session at 7:00 PM.**

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Seconded by Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy

**Vote:**

| <u>Yes</u>                | <u>No</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Mayor Lawrence A. Werther |           |                |
| Trustee Paul S. Cusato    |           |                |
| Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy |           |                |
| Trustee Paul A. Pereira   |           |                |
| Trustee Scott P. Strauss  |           |                |

**Mayor Lawrence A. Werther called the Public Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee Scott P. Strauss

**ALSO PRESENT:** Village Attorney, John M. Spellman  
Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero  
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini

**Press Observer:** Rich Forestano, *Mineola American*  
Rich Tedesco, *Williston Times*  
Geoffrey Walter, *Patch .com*

**Sunshine Observers:** 19 Observers

Mayor Lawrence A. Werther announced that Bill Gresalfi was recently honored with the North Hempstead Hometown Hero Award and recognized the great work he demonstrates with the Mineola Fire Department and also with the Junior firefighters. Mayor Werther stated that the State Senate recently passed a 2% property tax cap and reported that the Village of Mineola could be facing 4-8% increase in state-mandated expenses for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Mayor Werther requested that residents be cognizant of their surroundings when parking on narrow streets and, if possible, park in driveways. Mayor Werther reminded residents that the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast will be at Village Hall Community Center on Sunday February 6, 2011 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato thanked the Mineola Fire Department for its response to a house fire on Tuesday January 25, 2011 and announced that Sunday, March 13, 2011 is the Mineola Junior Fire Department Pasta Dinner. Trustee Cusato extended his condolences to the families of Ann Hurley and firefighter Alby Mielika for their losses and stated that both would be missed.

Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy also extended his condolences on the passing of Anne Hurley, stating that she was very devoted in her service on the Library Board and will be missed. Trustee Kennedy congratulated Bill Gresalfi on receiving the North Hempstead Hometown Hero Award and thanked the Mineola Fire Department for all their hard work and devotion. Trustee Kennedy encouraged all residents to attend the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on Sunday February 6, 2011.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira announced that the Mineola Memorial Library will be hosting a special exposition on Sousa Mendes, a Portuguese hero, who saved over 30,000 lives during the holocaust beginning February 10, 2011 through April 2, 2011. Trustee Pereira reminded residents to clear catch basins, when necessary, from snow or debris and congratulated Bill Gresalfi on receiving the North Hempstead Hometown Hero Award

Trustee Scott P. Strauss extended his condolences on the passing of Anne Hurley, stating that this has left a huge hole in the service of the community, and of Alby Mielika, a friend and firefighter as well as an adviser to the Junior firefighters. Trustee Strauss congratulated Bill Gresalfi stating that he does a tremendous amount of work and well deserved this award. Trustee Strauss reiterated the importance of all residents pitching in and clearing hydrants and catch basins during snow storms and recommended that everyone try to attend the Pancake Breakfast.

*No Speakers addressed the Board*

**Mayor Lawrence A. Werther requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 8:00 PM.**

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy

**Vote:**

| <u>Yes</u>                | <u>No</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Mayor Lawrence A. Werther |           |                |
| Trustee Paul S. Cusato    |           |                |
| Trustee Thomas F. Kennedy |           |                |
| Trustee Paul A. Pereira   |           |                |
| Trustee Scott P. Strauss  |           |                |