Minutes - Board Meeting 11/20/2013

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, November 20, 2013 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:	John M. Spellman Village Attorney Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero Deputy Village Clerk Cora T. Kelly
Press Observers:	*Mineola American* *Newsday* *Williston Times* *Patch.com*
Sunshine Observers:	7 Observers

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

Resolution No. 284-13

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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		

Chief Jeffrey Clark of the Mineola Fire Department presented a report on fire department activities; thanked the Village Board and Village Attorney for arranging access to 250 Old Country Road for training exercises; stated that the Halloween popcorn ball toss was a success, and announced that Operation Santa will start soon and discussed Christmas tree fire safety tips.

Resolution No. 284A-13

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Fire Department for a budget transfer in the amount of $1,400.00 between the following lines:

From:	(Computers)	$1,400.00
To :	(Uniforms)	$ 400.00
To :	(Repairs – Buildings)	$1,000.00
	Total transfer:	$1,400.00

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. 285-13

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

Matthew Barroca	Company 1
Dominick Vigario	Company 3

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		

Resolution No. 286-13

Resolved to host the American Express/Patch.com *"Park on Patch"* Small Business Saturday free holiday parking promotion November 30, 2013, and to accept payment for uncollected parking meter fees at 200 village parking meters on Jericho Turnpike at the rate of $5.00 per meter per day.

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		

Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero announced that the Mineola Tree Lighting Ceremony is December 6, 2013 at 7:00 pm and reminded residents of the Holiday Sanitation Schedule that will be in effect Thanksgiving week.

Resolution No. 287-13

WHEREAS, the properties located at Mineola, NY and identified as:

MAP	PARCEL	DISTRICT	SECTION	BLOCK	PART OR ALL/ LOT	LOT #S
10C	160	2223	9	355-00	Part	0034-00
12C	162	2223	9	417-00	Part	0522-0 Landscape Area
15C	166	2223	9	417-00	Part	0516-0
16C	167	2223	9	417-00	Part	0516-0 (Hinck Way)
98	98	2223	9	426-00	All	0113-0, 0212-0, 0213-0
99	99	2223	9	426-00	All	0007-0
105	105	None	None	None	Part	Hinck Way
122	122	None	None	None	All	Station Road

WHEREAS, the Village of Mineola considers the property to be necessary for local municipal use; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers in the Village of Mineola have supported the property since its acquisition by exempting it from local taxes, and its transfer to local ownership will remove management burden on the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, conveyance of this state-owned land to the Village would be consistent with conditions agreed to and originally made part of the Roslyn and Mineola Grade Cross Elimination projects; and

WHEREAS, transfer of the land would be consistent with the NYSDOT policies allowing transfer of public properties between government entities for a one dollar cost, providing the parcel is used for non-profit purposes that benefit the general public; and

WHEREAS, this action is classified Type II pursuant to SEQRA 6 NYCRRR 617.5(c)(21) as it is part of the preliminary planning process necessary for the formulation of a plan for action, and shall only follow a Village Board SEQRA review prior to property acceptance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

MEMORIALIZED, that the Village Board requests the State of New York Department of Transportation convey the properties identified in the above table, and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo; to the Majority Leaders of the New York State Senate Dean G. Skelos and Jeffrey D. Klein; to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly Sheldon Silver, to the Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly; to each member of the Long Island delegation to the New York State Legislation; to the NYSDOT Commissioner Joan McDonald; to the Long Island Region 10 NYSDOT Acting Director Frank Pearson.

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. 288-13

Resolved that the Board of Trustees declares its intention to serve as Lead Agency under SEQRA relative to the acquisition of certain properties from NYSDOT relating to the Long Island Rail Road Grade Crossing Elimination Project.

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		

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Work Session at 6:55 PM.

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

Press Observer: *Mineola American*
Newsday
Williston Times
Patch.com

Sunshine Observers: 14 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss presented pins to the firefighters of Mineola Fire Department Company 1 in recognition of their dedicated service to the community for the past 125 years.

Mayor Scott P. Strauss reported on the Evening Star Quilters' Show, on the Chamber of Commerce "Taste & Style of Mineola", and on the Mineola Memorial Library's presentation of the 150th Anniversary Commemoration of the Gettysburg Address, commenting how successful these events were; thanked the owners of 250 Old Country Road for allowing the Mineola Fire Department to conduct multi-department fire drill exercises at that location before it is demolished; and reminded residents of the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 6 at 7:00 PM. Mayor Strauss announced that American Express in conjunction with Patch.com will host *"Park on Patch"* on Small Business Saturday, November 30, which will offer free meter parking on Jericho Turnpike and encouraged residents to come and support Mineola businesses. Mayor Strauss mentioned that residents can now receive text notifications as well as email notifications and reminded residents to sign-up for these features on our website. Mayor Strauss announced Lou Sanders' 50 years as usher at Corpus Christi Church and wished all residents a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Hanukkah.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira reported on the Mineola Knights of Columbus 90th anniversay celebration, congratulating them; and stated that he attended a commeration of the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht at Touro Law School November 12. Trustee Pereira reminded seniors of the Senior Appreciation Luncheon November 25, the Tree Lighting Ceremony December 6 at 7:00 pm and Small Business shopping November 30 requesting residents to shop locally and support our local businesses. Trustee Pereira wished a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Hanukkah to all residents.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato commented on the incredible talent of those quilters displaying their work at the Evening Star Quilters' Show; stated that the "Taste & Style of Mineola" was a great event and announced that " Toys for Tots" holiday toy collection will start Monday December 2 at four locations - Village Hall, Mineola Fire Department Headquarters, Mineola Fire Department at Elm Place and at the Mineola Memorial Library. Trustee Cusato wished our residents a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Hanukkah.

Trustee George R. Durham stated that he and Trustee Cusato attended the Jackson Avenue School bingo night fundraiser commenting on how well run it was; thanked Commander Carl Marchese of

the American Legion for conducting a Veterans Day ceremony at Memorial Park; and thanked the owners of 250 Old Country Road for allowing the Mineola Fire Department to conduct training exercises, commenting how impressive it was. Trustee Durham reported that the "Taste & Style of Mineola" and the Evening Star Quilters' Show were wonderful events and thanked those that made them possible. Trustee Durham wished the residents a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Hanukkah.

Trustee Dennis J. Walsh stated that he attended the presentation of the 150th Anniversary Commemoration of the Gettysburg Address at the Mineola Library and noted that it was interrupted by low flying aircrafts and announced that Governor Cuomo had signed legislation which will require noise studies for aircrafts heading to Kennedy Airport. Trustee Walsh commented on the Village of Mineola's financial condition and in particular municipal indebtedness and how the "pay as you go" approach in recent years has led to a dramatic improvement overall. Trustee Walsh wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Hanukkah.

No Speakers addressed the Board

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

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		