Minutes - Board Meeting 12/03/2014

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, December 3, 2014 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 M. Spellman Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero Deputy Village Clerk Cora T. Kelly Village Treasurer Giacomo Ciccone Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen
Press Observer:	*Mineola American* *Williston Times*
Sunshine Observers:	5 Observers

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

Resolution No. 333-14

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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. 334-14

Resolved to approve the minutes from the meeting of the Board of Trustees of November 5, 2014, November 12, 2014 and November 19, 2014, as amended.

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. 335-14

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Police Activity League (P.A.L.) for the use of the Community Center auditorium on Thursdays and Fridays from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM January 8, 2015 – March 20, 2015 to conduct its winter lacrosse program.

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. 336-14

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Athletic Association for the use of the Community Center auditorium for its Soccer, Baseball and Softball practice and clinics on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM January 3, 2015 – April 12, 2015 and Monday and Tuesday from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM January 5, 2015 - April 14, 2015.

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. 337-14

Resolved to approve a request by Winthrop University Hospital for the use of the Community Center auditorium for its 2015 Wellness Education Program series, "Health Update for Seniors" from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM on the following Wednesdays:

March 11, 2015	September 9, 2015
April 8, 2015	October 14, 2015
May 13, 2015	November 18, 2015
June 10, 2015	December 16, 2015

And a request to hold a "Women's Heart Health" seminar on Wednesday evening, February 25, 2015 from 5:00 PM – 9:00 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 Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		
Trustee Dennis J. Walsh		

Resolution No. 338-14

Resolved to authorize the following monthly 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, 2015:

Mark Danielson	$560.00
Colin Kaletsky	$560.00

Jeffrey Mofenson	$280.00
Thomas O'Brien	$440.00

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		

Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen gave a project report on the Winthrop University Hospital's research facility, 1 Third Avenue, Mill Creek (Winston, now Moderna), and presented a monthly financial report for November 2014.

Village Attorney John M. Spellman recommended the following resolution:

Resolution No. 339-14

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that the Village of Mineola retain the services of a firm of attorneys duly admitted to the practice of law in the State of New York as its bond counsel to render legal opinions with respect to the validity and tax exemption of the bonds, notes and other obligations authorized and issued by the Village; and

WHEREAS, the law firm of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP has offered its services as bond counsel to the Village;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the law firm of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP is hereby appointed Bond Counsel to the Village of Mineola, to serve in such capacity with respect to all Village borrowings until otherwise determined by this Board and upon such terms and conditions as shall be determined from time to time by the Mayor.

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 6:55 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 7:35 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 M. Spellman Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero Deputy Village Clerk Cora T. Kelly
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Mayor Scott P. Strauss stated that he had the honor of presenting certificates at the WARM Association of Girl Scouts' annual Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award celebration noting that there were numerous Bronze awards, fewer in Silver and only one Gold Award, which was given to Emma Parente and he congratulated all recipients. Mayor Strauss reported on the Vision Long Island Smart Growth Summit in which he and Village Clerk Joseph Scalero participated in. Mayor Strauss reminded residents to shop locally for the holiday season, and reminded residents and businesses that snow season is here, urging them to sign up for E-Notices on the Village of Mineola website, and to obey the snow ordinance when 2 or more inches of snow falls. Mayor Strauss also reminded residents of the Tree Lighting Ceremony December 5 at 7:00 PM and encouraged everyone to come and enjoy this seasonal event.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday season, reminded residents of the annual Tree Lighting ceremony, reported on the attendance of the Board of Trustees at the Winthrop University Hospital Tree Lighting ceremony commending the Mineola High School concert singers not only for their performance, but for their community service by going through the hospital caroling, bringing some holiday spirit to patients. Trustee Pereira recognized John DaVanzo's birthday commenting that this is the first year he is not here with us and extended the thoughts and prayers of the Board to the DaVanzo family.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato reminded residents that the Toy-for-Tots program is operating until December 15; announced the Mineola Fire Department's "Operation Santa" is back in operation and encouraged residents with children to contact the Mineola Fire Department to set-up a visit from Santa. Trustee Cusato reported on the Mineola School Board meeting being placed on You Tube commenting that there were a great many inaccuracies put forth and that this was upsetting and the record needs to be set straight.

Trustee George R. Durham concurred with Trustees Cusato's comments on the Mineola School Board meeting; reported that the Winthrop University Hospital Tree Lighting was a wonderful event; wished residents a happy Chanukah; and announced that the Mineola Athletic Association (MAA) registration is now open.

Trustee Dennis Walsh commented that the Winthrop University Hospital Tree Lighting was a nice affair and commended the Mineola High School singers on their performance. Trustee Walsh expressed his disappointment at the comments made by Mineola School Board President Barnett regarding police, stating that there was no purpose served by his commentary and that there is no place in Mineola for such speech.

Mayor Scott P. Strauss spoke out regarding the recent commentary by the Mineola School Board regarding development projects in the Village of Mineola. Mayor Strauss explained that the involvement of the Nassau County IDA and the resulting PILOTS are governed by New York State law and not by villages. Mayor Strauss continued by refuting on a point-by-point basis each

of the Mineola School Board inaccuracies and reiterated that there is no animosity toward the Mineola School Board on the part of the Board of Trustees, but rather a desire to work together for the benefit of Village of Mineola residents.

1 Speaker addressed the Board

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 8:15 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		