Minutes - Board Meeting 01/08/2014

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, January 8, 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 A. Ciccone Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen
Press Observer:	*Mineola American* *Williston Times* *Patch .com*
Sunshine Observers:	5 Observers

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

Resolution No. 01-14

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

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		

Resolution No. 02-14

Resolved to approve the minutes from the meetings of the Board of Trustees of December 4, 2013, December 11, 2013 and December 18, 2013.

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. 03-14

Resolved to approve a request from Building Department employee Thomas Murphy to participate in the health insurance buy-back program pursuant to the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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. 04-14

Resolved to authorize 2013/2014 Intra-Fund Transfers for General, Pool and Water Fund:

General Fund

Account Name	**Account Number**	**Amount Increase**	**Amount Decrease**
Contractual Personal Services	10111040000	$15,000.00	
Maintenance & Licenses	10111042003	$ 264.91	
Auditing	10132042300	$ 7,500.00	
Dues & Conferences	10132548000	$ 260.40	
Dues & Conferences	10141048000	$ 7.14	
Equipment	10162020000	$ 1,416.70	
Rental - Strategic Alarms	10162042003	$ 1,690.00	
Repairs - Building	10162045507	$ 6,624.12	
Taxes On Municipal Property	10195040000	$22,282.44	
Repairs - Vehicles - Enforcement	10331045502	$ 1,681.32	
Equipment	10332020000	$13,623.30	
Repairs - Autos	10332045502	$ 603.04	
Repairs - Equipment	10332045513	$ 1,668.50	
Equipment - Chief Vehicle	10341020010	$17,621.72	
Liability Insurance	10341042600	$ 1,057.20	
Repairs - Auto	10362045501	$ 6,378.88	
Repairs - Equipment	10364045513	$ 88.00	
Dues & Conferences	10501048000	$ 611.81	
Tree Stump Removal	10511044201	$ 1,054.37	
Repairs - Trucks	10511045547	$ 8,168.01	
Dues & Conferences	10511048000	$ 2,732.55	
Repairs - Planting/Spraying	10714045533	$ 1,244.00	
Repairs - Wilson Park	10714045560	$ 531.75	
Celebrations - Christmas	10755041507	$ 6,243.30	
Celebrations - MEAD Day	10755041508	$ 5,123.71	
Celebrations - Halloween	10755041509	$ 8,149.47	
Senior Citizen Activities	10762049101	$ 223.09	
Repairs - Trucks	10812045547	$ 971.31	
NYS Retirement	10901082800	$44,024.00	
Personal Services	10111010000		$ 15,000.00
Supplies - Miscellaneous	10132540618		$ 260.40
Supplies - Miscellaneous	10141040618		$ 7.14
Contingency - Regular	10199046500		$142,060.72
Celebrations	10755041504		$ 19,516.48
Serial Bond Principal	10971068000		$ 0.30
	TOTALS	**$176,845.04**	**$176,845.04**

Pool Fund

Account Name	Account Number	Amount Increase	Amount Decrease
Supplies - Painting	40718040621	$ 86.47	
Repairs - Buildings	40718045507	$7,256.19	
Repairs - Filter Maintenance	40718045516	$2,257.20	
Repairs - Planting/Spraying	40718045533	$ 426.35	
Serial Bonds Principal	40718068000	$ 0.03	
NYS Retirement	40718082800	$1,859.00	
Contingency	40718046500		$11,885.24
	TOTALS	**$11,885.24**	**$11,885.24**

Water Fund

Account Name	Account Number	Amount Increase	Amount Decrease
Repairs - Trucks	20831045547	$ 3,443.76	
Repairs - Valves & Boxes	20831045549	$ 836.57	
Serial Bond Principal	20831068000	$ 0.27	
NYS Retirement	20831082800	$35,952.00	
Personal Services	20831010000		$35,952.00
Contingency	20831046500		$ 4,280.60
	TOTALS	**$40,232.60**	**$40,232.60**

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		

Resolution No. 05-14

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Fire Department for a budget transfer in the amount of $2,000 between the following lines:

From:	(OSHA Medicals)	$2,000.00
To :	(Repairs – Buildings)	$2,000.00
	Total transfer:	$2,000.00

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. 06-14

Resolved to authorize a public bid for the 2014 Concrete Requirements Contract.

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		

Resolution No. 07-14

Resolved to authorize a public bid for a street lighting maintenance contract.

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. 08-14

Resolved to authorize a public bid for the Memorial Park Bandshell and Site Improvements Project.

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		

Resolution No. 09-14

Resolved to authorize Dynaire Corporation in the amount of $18,600.00, as the lowest quoted proposal, for the purchase and installation of a new, free standing, ductless HVAC equipment to provide air conditioning and additional heat for the Mineola Volunteer Ambulance Corps Building.

Dynaire Corporation:	$ 18,600.00
Center County Air Conditioning:	$ 18,750.00
Lane Associates:	$ 19,200.00

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		

Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen presented a department financial report for December 2013.

Resolution No. 10-14

Resolved to ratify the appeal of the November 22, 2013 Freedom of Information determination made by the Village's Records Access Officer which has been brought before the Board of Trustees by Lawrence A. Werther, Sr. as follows:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MINEOLA

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Appeal of LAWRENCE A. WERTHER, SR.
Under the New York State
Freedom of Information Law

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DECISION ON APPEAL

At a continued Public Hearing before the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola concerning the land-use application of Bolla Management Corp. held on November 13, 2013, Lawrence A. Werther, Sr., appellant herein, stated on the record that he was making "a foil (sic) request under the Open Meetings Law and under the Freedom of Information Law, requesting copies of all correspondence regarding this application, not limited to but including all letters, emails, text messages, documents between the members of the Board regarding this, members of the Village Board and the Village Attorney, the Village Attorney, and the attorney for Bolla Management and/or 449 Jericho Realty, Mineola Village Attorney and Bolla Management and/or 449 Jericho Realty, or any members of the Village Board and Bolla Management and/or 449 Jericho Realty." He handed his written request to the Village Clerk at the hearing.

The written request was for the following:

"Copies of all correspondence regarding this matter, to include but not limited to, letters, e-mails, text messages or any documents between:

1. Between any Members of the Village Board.

2. Members of the Village Board and the Village Attorney.

3. Mineola Attorney and Attorney(s) for Bolla Management and/or 449 Jericho Realty LLC.

4. Mineola Village Attorney and Bolla Management and/or 449 Jericho Realty LLC.

5. Any Member(s) of the Village Board and Bolla Management and/or 449 Jericho Realty LLC."

Mr. Werther clarified his request as follows: "For the purpose of this request, the Village Board is defined as the Mayor and the 4 Village Trustees."

He further limited his request as follows: "Additionally and for the record, I am not requesting copies of documents submitted to the Building Department of the Village of Mineola as part of the application process." (Emphasis in Original)

By letter of November 15, 2013, Joseph R. Scalero, the Village Clerk and Records Access Officer, acknowledged receipt of the FOIL request and indicated that he would research the documents requested and contact him within twenty (20) days concerning his request.

Thereafter, by letter of November 22, 2013, Mr. Scalero responded substantively to the FOIL request as follows:

"1. With respect to your FOIL request for correspondence regarding this matter, to include but not limited to, letter, emails, text messages or any documents between any Members of the Village Board:

There are no documents responsive to this request. Furthermore, had any documents existed, they would be unavailable under FOIL since they constitute intra-agency communications.

2. With respect to your FOIL request for correspondence regarding this matter, to include but not limited to, letter, emails, text messages or any documents between Members of the Village Board and the Village Attorney:

Any such correspondence or communication is protected by Attorney/Client Privilege and is unavailable under FOIL.

3. With respect to your FOIL request for correspondence regarding this matter, to include but not limited to, letter, emails, text messages or any documents between Mineola Village Attorney and Attorney(s) for Bolla Management and/or 449 Jericho Realty LLC: The following documents are provided:

- Copies of Written Correspondence
- Copies of Bolla Emails
- Copies of Getty Emails

4. With respect to your FOIL request for correspondence regarding this matter, to include but not limited to, letter, emails, text messages or any documents between Mineola Village Attorney and Bolla Management and/or 449 Jericho Realty LLC:

No documents are responsive to this request.

5. With respect to your FOIL request for correspondence regarding this matter, to include but not limited to, letter, emails, text messages or any documents between any Member(s) of the Village Board and Bolla Management and/or 449 Jericho Realty LLC:

No documents are responsive to this request."

Mr. Scalero further advised that "Pursuant to your instructions, no documents submitted to the Building Department of the Incorporated Village of Mineola as part of the application process of Bolla Management (449 Jericho Realty LLC) have been provided."

He added that "There are 258 records meeting your request. The fee for photocopying these documents is $64.50, as permitted under FOIL."

Finally, he advised Mr. Werther of his appeal rights under FOIL.

The instant appeal followed.

At the outset, it should be noted that Mr. Werther's letter of appeal is misdated. He dates the letter November 19, 2013, three (3) days prior to the very determination he is appealing. For

purposes of this appeal, then, the date of the appeal letter is assumed to be December 19, 2013, the day it was sent by facsimile to the Village Clerk.

Mr. Werther states his grounds for appeal as follows:

"1. Since there are no documents between board members I will not belabor this point, however, correspondence between board members is FOILable if the deliberation leading to a vote is discussed.

2. NY.CVP.LAW §4503: NY Code – Section 4503 states "Unless the client waves the privilege, an attorney or his or her employee, or any person who obtains without the knowledge of the client evidence of a confidential communication made between the attorney or his or her employee and the client in the course of professional employment, shall not disclose, or be allowed to disclose such." Meaning the Attorney-Client privilege restricts the Attorney. Since I am not asking the attorney but rather the Village to disclose communication between The Village Board and the Village Attorny (sic), your response is disingenuous and specious at best.

3. Regarding the documents you say exist, I reserve the right to examine the documents before determining which ones I wish a copy of. If you wish, you may forward the emails to my e-mail address above and save the time printing and photocopying."

These grounds will be considered in the order in which they are presented.

With respect to the first item, there is no challenge to the determination of the Records Access Officer. Mr. Werther had demanded "[c]opies of all correspondence regarding this matter, to include but not limited to, letters, e-mails, text messages or any documents between: 1) Between any Members of the Village Board." The Records Access Officer had responded that "There are no documents responsive to this request. Furthermore, had any documents existed, they would be unavailable under FOIL since they constitute intra-agency communications."
Mr. Werther's reply is that he "will not belabor this point." That does not constitute a challenge. Thus, the first ground of appeal will be disregarded.

With respect to the second item, Mr. Werther is apparently asserting that the denial of copies of correspondence between members of the Village Board and the Village Attorney based upon Attorney/Client Privilege is illegal. He supports his assertion by purportedly quoting Section 4503 of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules. He claims that Attorney/Client Privilege affects only the attorney and that even though the Village Attorney may be exempt from disclosing his communications, the Village (and, presumably, its officers) is required to produce and disclose "communication between The (sic) Village Board and the Village Attorney." He finally (and unfortunately) states to the Records Access Officer that "your response is disingenuous and specious at best."

With respect to this last comment, this Board has something to say. The Incorporated Village of Mineola takes very seriously its obligations under the Freedom of Information Law. Every effort is made to comply with the legal requirements of FOIL. Very often, and so it was in this matter, this compliance requires significant work hours on the part of the Village staff and its officers in order to produce what citizens are entitled to see under the law. Additionally, a careful analysis is always made to determine whether documents requested are actually producible under FOIL.

In the instant matter, Mr. Werther requested copies of all correspondence between members of the Village Board and the Village Attorney. Webster's New Universal Unabridged Dictionary defines the word "between" in relevant manner as "connecting; relating; as a bond *between* friends;" and "by the action of both of; as, *between* them they landed the fish;" and "to the exclusion of all but both of; as, they divided it *between* them." (Italics in original) Accordingly, it is clear that Mr. Werther's original request sought "all correspondence" between members of the Village Board on one side and the Village Attorney on the other. He backtracks in his appeal letter by now saying that he only meant that the Village should produce the one-way communications which flowed from the members of the Village Board to the Village Attorney but not those which flowed from the Village Attorney to them.

In any event, the basis given by the Records Access Officer for denial of any communications as between the Village Board and the Village Attorney, no matter the direction of flow, is that "[a]ny such correspondence or communication is protected by Attorney/Client Privilege and is unavailable under FOIL." We now examine whether that response, as is asserted by Mr. Werther, "is disingenuous and specious at best."

Under FOIL, all records of the Village are available to the public except to the extent that they or a portion of them fall within one or more grounds for denial which appear in the law. One of those grounds for denial pertains to records that are "specifically exempted from disclosure by state or federal statute." In this connection, Robert J. Freeman, Executive Director of the New York State Committee on Open Government (which issues advisory opinions on FOIL matters), has stated: "For more than a century, the courts have found that legal advice given by a municipal attorney to his or her clients, municipal officials, is privileged when it is prepared in conjunction with an attorney-client relationship." (Citations omitted)

In support of his contention, Mr. Werther purportedly cites Section 4503 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules in his appeal. This Statute is part of an Article of law which deals with rules of evidence in New York State. One of those rules governs Attorney-Client Privilege.

Although he originally requested such, Mr. Werther now concedes in his appeal that Section 4503 exempts records created by the Village Attorney from production under FOIL pursuant to the Attorney/Client rule. In a novel argument, however, he claims that the Attorney/Client Privilege exemption does not apply to any records sent from the client to the attorney.

Mr. Werther misquotes Section 4503 as follows:

"Unless the client waives the privilege, an attorney or his or her employee, or any person who obtains without the knowledge of the client evidence of a confidential communication made between the attorney or his or her employee and the client in the course of professional employment, shall not disclose, or be allowed to disclose such. (sic)"

He places a period where there is none. What he fails to state is the balance of the sentence which reads:

"...**nor shall the client be compelled to disclose such communication**, in any action, disciplinary trial or hearing, or administrative action, proceeding or hearing conducted by or on behalf of any state, municipal or local governmental agency or by the legislature or any committee or body thereof." (Emphasis supplied)

While there are legions of legal decisions which stand for the proposition that Attorney/Client Privilege extends to both the attorney and the client, common sense trumps all of them. The purpose of the privilege is to foster openness between counsel and client so that legal problems can be thoroughly and accurately analyzed in order to avoid disfunction in the administration of justice. How would it be possible for a client to tell his or her attorney something in confidence, relying on the protection of confidentiality, if he or she would be required to disclose such to any third party? It just does not make sense.

So, the question is whether the response of the Records Access Officer is "disingenuous and specious at best" as asserted by Mr. Werther. We think not. The two-way communications between the Village Attorney and the Village Board are not available under FOIL.

With respect to Mr. Werther's alleged third ground for lodging an appeal under FOIL, he appears to be objecting to the following statement of the Records Access Officer:

"There are 258 records meeting your request. The fee for photocopying these documents is $64.50, as permitted under FOIL."

As is stated above, compliance with a FOIL request often requires significant work hours on the part of the Village staff and its officers in order to meet a request of a citizen. So it is in this case. Putting such work into fulfilling a FOIL request generates a cost to the Village's taxpayers. The Village is not permitted to recoup for the taxpayers the actual costs involved in searching for, gathering, inspecting, analyzing, redacting or assembling records which are requested, no matter

how significant those costs may be. Rather, it has been determined by the Courts that FOIL is not intended to be given effect "on a cost-accounting basis," but rather that "[m]eeting the public's legitimate right of access to information concerning government is fulfillment of a governmental obligation, not the gift of, or waste of, public funds." (Citation omitted)

The only cost recoupment available to the Village's taxpayers, then, is the statutory amount of twenty-five ($.25) cents per photocopy made by the Village.

Mr. Werther claims in his appeal the following:

"Regarding the documents you say exist, I reserve the right to examine the documents before determining which ones I wish a copy of. If you wish, you may forward the e-mails to my e-mail address above and save the time (sic) printing and photocopying."

This statement directs us to an analysis of Mr. Werther's actual request.

The certified transcript of Mr. Werther's testimony at the continued public hearing on November 13, 2013 shows that he stated the following:

"...what I have here is a foil (sic) request under the freedom of Information Law, **requesting copies of all correspondence** regarding this application...." (Stenographic Transcript Page 100, Line 21ff)

In his letter of November 13, 2013, which was handed to the Village Clerk at the continued public hearing, Mr. Werther stated above his signature the following:

"...I hereby request the following: **Copies of all correspondence** regarding this matter...."

Mr. Werther unequivocally requested that the Village **supply him with copies** of the enumerated documents which he both read into the hearing record and confirmed in his written FOIL demand. He did not say or write that he wanted the opportunity to view any records, to examine any records or to inspect any records. He said that he wanted **copies** of them. In fact, he even refined his request for **copies** by stating the following:

"Additionally and for the record, I am **not** requesting copies of documents submitted to the Building Department of the Village of Mineola as part of the application process." (Emphasis in original).

There is no doubt that Mr. Werther asked the Village to make and deliver to him **copies** of all correspondence in the matter before the Board of Trustees (less **copies** of documents specifically excluded).

The Village expeditiously gathered and copied the documents which Mr. Werther requested. By letter of November 22, 2013, the Records Access Officer advised him that the requested records were available and that the copying costs were $64.50. Thereafter, no communication was received from Mr. Werther until his December 19, 2013 appeal letter. He had not sought to pick the records up. He had not attempted to review any of them. Even to this date, he has not demonstrated the slightest interest in seeing any of the documents.

Mr. Werther ordered **copies** of documents. They were produced and assembled at taxpayer expense. He now owes the taxpayers of Mineola $64.50.

In sum, the appeal of Lawrence A. Werther, Sr. under the New York State Freedom of Information Law is determined as follows:

With respect to his alleged first ground of appeal in which he does not challenge the determination of the Records Access Officer that "[t]here are no documents responsive to this request," it is determined that Mr. Werther does not state a basis for an appeal and thus this portion of his appeal is DISMISSED.

With respect to his second ground of appeal in which he admits that correspondence from the Village Attorney to the Members of the Board of Trustees is exempt from production under

FOIL but in which he also claims that correspondence to the Village Attorney from members of the Board of Trustees is not so privileged and should be available under FOIL, it is determined that Mr. Werther is incorrect as a matter of law and thus this portion of his appeal is DISMISSED.

With respect to his alleged third ground of appeal, it is determined that he is obligated to pay to the taxpayers of Mineola the sum of $64.50 for copies of documents which he ordered.

This entire appeal is dismissed and the Decision of the Records Access Officer is confirmed in its entirety.

THIS CONSTITUTES A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MINEOLA.

Dated: Mineola, New York
December 31, 2013

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 7:25 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 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
Village Treasurer Giacomo A. Ciccone
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini
Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen

Press Observer:
Mineola American
Williston Times
Patch .com

Sunshine Observers: 8 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss commented that the Mineola Fire Department's "Operation Santa" was once again a huge success; thanked residents for their patience during the recent snowstorm and reminded residents that summons will be issued to those who do not remove their vehicles from village streets anytime two or more inches of snow falls; Mayor Strauss also reminded residents and businesses to please clear snow from hydrants and corner walkways and not to shovel snow back onto village streets. Mayor Strauss encouraged residents to sign up for "E-Notices" email alerts on the Village of Mineola website so they can be alerted of village news and announcements. Mayor Strauss announced that Sunday February 2 the Kiwanis Club will host its Pancake Breakfast and encouraged all residents to attend. Mayor Strauss congratulated members of the Mineola Fire Department on receiving company Firefighter of the Year awards: Company 2 Firefighter Jack Wolf, and Company 3 Firefighter Bill Symington.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira wished all residents a Happy New Year and thanked the Department of Public Works staff for their efforts clearing village streets during the recent snowstorm. Trustee Pereira stated that he attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for Niji Asian Fusion restaurant and welcomed them into the village.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato thanked the Mineola Volunteer Ambulance Corp (MVAC) and the Mineola Fire Department during the recent snowstorm and also thanked the Department of Public Works staff for their efforts in clearing the streets. Trustee Cusato expressed his best wishes to all residents for a Happy New Year.

Trustee George R. Durham thanked Mineola volunteer firefighters and the Mineola Volunteer Ambulance Corp for their efforts during the snowstorm and wished all residents a Happy New Year.

Trustee Dennis Walsh wished everyone a happy healthy New Year; cautioned residents to be careful on the ice, especially black ice; thanked the Mineola Fire Department and the Mineola Volunteer Ambulance Corp (MVAC) for their dedication during the recent snowstorm; and, commented that the proposed Bandshell and Site Improvement Project in Memorial Park is only one of the benefits being derived from our downtown re-development.

No Speakers addressed the Board

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 7:45 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		