

## **Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Borough of Longport**

April 19, 2021 5:00 PM

**Call to Order:** President Roy Law called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**Announcement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Law:** This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on April 10, 2021 and sent to the Current on April 9, 2021. Notice of this meeting was also posted on the Library's website and in Longport Borough Hall. Official action may be taken at this meeting.

### **Flag Salute**

**Recording of Attendance:** President Roy Law, Secretary Erin Schiavo, Member Joanne Clayton, Member Dolores Wilson, Member/Acting Treasurer Damen Tomassi, Mayor Nick Russo, School Board President Carl Tripician, Library Director Ricky Gerhardt (all present for the meeting).

**Also in Attendance:** No additional people in attendance.

**Absent:** Kate Subranni, Patricia English

**Old Business:** Approval of minutes from March 15, 2021 meeting. (Drafts previously distributed to board members). Dolores Wilson motioned for approval of minutes, Erin Schiavo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Public Comment:** none

### **New Business:**

#### **5.1 President's Report:**

There was no new information to report

**Treasurer's Report:** Damen Tomassi, acting treasurer, reported that there was a beginning balance of \$566, 595.72. He reported cash receipts in the amount of \$10,058.74. Cash disbursed in the amount of \$26,229.86. The ending cash balance was \$550,424.60. Erin Schiavo motioned for approval of the report, Dolores Wilson seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed.

**Bill Pay List:** There were no questions about the bill pay list. Erin Schiavo motioned to approve the bill paid list, Dolores Wilson seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Director's Report:** Ricky shared the March statistics for programs and circulation. Ricky reported that Spring programming continues to draw steady attendance with virtual, hybrid, and in-person programs. He shared that Bingo and Trivia have been successfully held in-person in the all-purpose room in Borough Hall with CDC guidelines in place. This will continue through May, when such programs will be held in the gazebo in the back of Borough Hall. Also in May, the Library expects to transition to having the art gallery in-person.

Ricky explained that the Summer program schedule is being finalized and will include programs such as concerts, author visits, bingo, trivia, story time, movies, and special events. An anticipated summer program to be held under the Museum banner is a town wide scavenger hunt. Another program will be an oral history project in which residents can share their stories of Longport that will be recorded and held in a digital database.

Other updates include the addition of a third computer at the library and a fourth computer at the museum.

Ricky said that the Library is working towards adding seating again at the library, beginning with 2 seats with ipads attached for reading digital newspapers or utilization of library resources.

Ricky discussed the idea of a newsletter to be mailed to residents that can highlight Library events and programs.

**Resolutions:**

**A. Resolution 2021-07: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT TO APPLY FOR THE PROJECT GRANT ENTITLED THE NEW JERSEY LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT**

Erin Schiavo motioned, Dolores Wilson seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

**B. Resolution 2021-08: A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR SERVER SUPPORT AND NETWORKING SERVICE**

Dolores Wilson motioned, Joanne Clayton seconded. All in favor, none opposed

**Public Comment: none**

**Adjournment:** At 5:25pm Dolores made a motioned to adjourn. Joanne Clayton seconded the motion