

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

June 21, 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 June 17, 2021 and sent to the Current on June 15, 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.

President Roy Law named Joanne Clayton Acting Secretary for the meeting because Erin Schiavo was absent.

Recording of Attendance: President Roy Law, Treasurer Patricia (Trish) English, Member (Acting Secretary) Joanne Clayton, Member Dolores Wilson, Member Damen Tomassi (Present at 5:05pm), School Board President Carl Tripician, Library Director Ricky Gerhardt (all present for the meeting).

Also in Attendance: No additional people in attendance.

Absent: Mayor Nick Russo, Member Kate Subranni, Secretary Erin Schiavo

Old Business: Approval of minutes from May 17 meeting. (Drafts previously distributed to board members). Trish English motioned for approval of minutes, Joanne Clayton seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Public Comment: none

New Business:

President's Report: President Roy Law spoke about the board omitting the July/August meeting as pursuant to the bylaws. All members agreed and the next meeting will be September 20, 2021.

Treasurer's Report: Trish English reported that there was a beginning balance of \$689, 993.94. She reported cash receipts in the amount of \$148.51. Cash disbursed in the amount of \$29,990.91. The ending cash balance was \$660,151.64. Joanne Clayton motioned for approval of the report, Dolores Wilson seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed.

Bill Pay List: The bill pay list was reviewed and presented by Trish English, treasurer. Carl Tripician asked about the name of an item on the bill list and Ricky explained it was a painting program. Trish English motioned to approve the bill paid list, Dolores Wilson seconded the motion, all in favor none opposed.

Director's Report: Ricky shared the May statistics for programs and circulation and was pleased with the increase in physical checkouts. Summer programs have started and the museum is now open. The summer reading program has started as well. Ricky reported that the construction bond application has been submitted and that we are getting new library patrons coming in who heard about the library from the summer newsletter we mailed out.

The Library will be partnering with the Borough for hosting the social luncheons in the fall and we are going to bring cooking classes back in the fall and they will be held at the Guild Hall at the Church of the Redeemer.

We are in the process of updating some of the rooms at the museum (police, fire, beach patrol) with updated pictures.

We are in the process of planning for fall programs

Committee Reports: Strategic Plan Committee: Dolores Wilson gave an update on the Strategic Plan Committee. The committee recommended moving forward with the 2021-2023 Capital Expenditures Plan. The committee also recommended moving forward with the construction bond project. We are optimistic we are going to get the grant, but in the event we do not, the committee recommends moving forward with the project. The board will revisit this discussion once we hear about the status of the grant.

Resolutions

a. Resolution 2021-09: A Resolution Authorizing The Library Director To Approve The July and August 2021 Bill List

Trish English motioned, Joanne Clayton seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

b. Resolution 2021-10: A Resolution Establishing A Capital Expense Plan and Reserving Funds For the Library and Museum for the Period from 2021 to 2023

Dolores Wilson motioned, Trish English seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

6.Public Comment: none

7.Adjournment: This English motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 PM, Dolores Wilson seconded, all in favor none opposed.