

Board of Trustees Meeting
May 1, 2023
Call to Order: 7:18 PM

Adequate notice of the meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act in that the date and location were included in the annual meeting schedule, sent to official newspapers, and posted on the public bulletin board.

Attendance:

- Present: Saumita Lepre, Judy Nelson, Allison Jablonski, Thomas Kaczynski, Aristotle Popolizio, Christopher Bardi, Liz Kennedy, Terry Gamba, and Deborah Sessa
- Absent: Brian Donohue, William Tedesco
- 8:14 PM Terry Gamba and Lisa Dyer exit the meeting

Approval of Minutes:

- made a motion to approve the Board Meeting minutes, seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

ROLL CALL:

Ab.	B. Donohue	Y	A. Popolizio
Y	A. Jablonski	Ab.	W. Tedesco
Y	T. Kaczynski	Y	E. Kennedy
Y	S. Lepre	Y	T. Gamba
Y	J. Nelson	Y	D. Sessa
Y	C. Bardi		

Public Comment:

L. Dyer

Council Liaison's Report:

- Christopher Bardi reported that the Borough budget passed.
- On June 3 at 10:00 AM the softball game will take place with the townwide picnic to follow immediately.

Correspondence:

None

Committee Reports:

None to report

Treasurer's Report:

- Judy Nelson presented the May Treasurer's Report.
- Alison Jablonski made a motion to approve the May Bill List with \$18,318.93 from the Operating Account, \$1,042.97 from the Payroll Account, for a grand total of \$19,361.90. seconded the motion and the May Bill List was unanimously approved.

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Y	A. Jablonski	Ab.	W. Tedesco
Y	J. Nelson	Y	T. Kaczynski
Y	C. Bardi	Y	D. Sessa

Director's Report:

- Liz Kennedy presented the Director's Report.
- Planning of the Summer Reading Program--All Together Now-- continues. The booklets will be put together by the West Essex Senior Service Volunteers. Kickoff will take place on Wednesday, June 21. Weekly activities will include crafternoons.
- Dates in late May/early June for Summer Reading Program presentations to be made to the LCN students are being considered.
- Dollar General Grant for AWE Computers has been submitted.
- Discussions for fall programming for all ages have begun.
- Liz presented a list of recreational games and activities to be purchased for patrons to check out. The borrowing will work the same as the museum pass. In addition, a town map will be included with the games to suggest local parks where the games can be played.
- The Environmental Center will be presenting 3 programs at the library.
- Discussion took place regarding the possibility of forming a teen game night and video game tournaments.
- The Director's Report highlighted an article in The Progress about Vikki Ramdin and her support group Sib-Ciety.

Manager's Report:

- Terry Gamba presented the Manager's Report.
- Terry provided information regarding the past month's programming as well as the attendance totals.
- A book display is in need of being refinished. Quotes have been received.
- The library has furniture that is no longer needed. Several options for donation or sale such as Habitat For Humanity Restore or FB Marketplace are being explored.
- Quotes to power wash the roof, gutters, and patio were received. The DPW will take a look at the roof and the gutters. It was decided that the patio would be power washed.
- Allison Jablonski made a motion to approve power washing the patio pavers for \$560.00, Aristotle Popolozio seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- **Resolution #2023-11–Laptop Computer:** Aristotle Popolozio made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Dell Laptop for the director at the price of \$747.99. Allison Jablonski seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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Y	A. Jablonski	Ab.	W. Tedesco
Y	J. Nelson	Y	T. Kaczynski
Y	C. Bardi	Y	D. Sessa

Resolution #2023-12–Wax Floor and Clean Rug: Aristotle Popolozio made a motion to approve to have the floor in the Children's Area stripped and waxed and the carpet cleaned in the Director's Office for \$500.00. Judy Nelson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Ab.	B. Donohue	Y	A. Popolozio
Y	A. Jablonski	Ab.	W. Tedesco
Y	J. Nelson	Y	T. Kaczynski
Y	C. Bardi	Y	D. Sessa

Resolution #2023-13– RESOLUTION TO CLOSE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, P.L.1975, Ch.231 (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 et seq.) (the "OPMA") generally requires that meetings be open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the OPMA further provides that a public body may exclude the public from a portion of the meeting at which the public body discusses certain limited items enumerated in the Open Public Meetings

Act at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), which items are recognized as requiring confidentiality; and

WHEREAS, the Roseland Public Library finds that it is necessary and appropriate to discuss certain matters in a meeting not open to the public consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to discuss the following matters in closed session:

Personnel Matters

WHEREAS, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, the minutes will be made public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Roseland Library Board of Trustees that in accordance with the OPMA the governing body hereby determines to meet in closed session from which the public is excluded; and

The closed session will be limited to matters relating to personnel and pending and anticipated litigation involving the public body; and

The minutes of the closed session will be prepared and maintained by the public body and the minutes will be made available to the public in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:14-13, at such time when the litigation to be discussed has been completed and/or the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

This Resolution will be effective immediately.

Executive Session:

- Allison Jablonski made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:14 PM. Judy Nelson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Ab.	B. Donohue	Y	A. Popolozio
Y	A. Jablonski	Ab.	W. Tedesco
Y	J. Nelson	Y	T. Kaczynski
Y	C. Bardi	Y	D. Sessa

- Allison Jablonski made a motion to exit the Executive Session at 8: 40 PM. Aristotle Popolozio seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Ab.	B. Donohue	Y	A. Popolozio
Y	A. Jablonski	Ab.	W. Tedesco
Y	J. Nelson	Y	T. Kaczynski
Y	C. Bardi	Y	D. Sessa

Resolution #2023-14–Employee Pay Raises: Judy Nelson made a motion to approve the employee pay increases, retroactive to January 1, 2023, based on Personnel Committee recommendations. Thomas Kaczynski seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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Aristotle Popolozio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM, Judy Nelsons seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Ab.	B. Donohue	Y	A. Popolozio
Y	A. Jablonski	Ab.	W. Tedesco
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Next meeting date: Monday, June 5 at 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,