

PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
Minutes of the February 21, 2024 Regular Trustees Meeting

Mrs. White called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and announced that notice requirements of Public Law 1975 c231 as defined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 had been complied with for this meeting through adequate advance notice of date, time, and location being posted in both the Library and Municipal Building. Notice was also mailed to the official Township newspapers.

Roll Call: Present: Mr. Peller, Mrs. McBain, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. White, Mr. Galante, and Mrs. Muzzio

Absent: Mrs. O'Connor

Also Present: Ms. Maynard

Mrs. Muzzio requested that the resolution to transfer money to the capital account be included on the agenda. This request was denied.

Public: Mr. Douglas Muzzio read a statement given to Library Trustees. Mr. Paul Mahler read a statement given to Library Trustees.

Guest: Mr. Jim Cutillo presented plans for an interior renovation to the Library Board. This plan will add open study areas and update the circulation area. Mr. Cutillo presented a written estimated budget for this project to the Board. Updating the bathrooms was discussed.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mrs. Muzzio to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2023 Regular Trustees Meeting. There was discussion on the minutes. And the motion was tabled.

A motion was made by Mrs. Russell to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024 Organizational meeting.

Second: Mr. Peller. Approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Russell to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024 Regular meeting.

Second: Mr. Peller. One abstention. Approved unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Bill Sheets: A motion was made by Mrs. Russell to approve the operating account checks for February (bills of January 2024) in the amount of \$ 93,901.58.

Second: Mr. Peller. Approved unanimously.

Financial Reports: 1. A motion was made by Mrs. Russell to approve the Operating Account Financial Reports for January 2024.

Second: Mr. Peller. Approved: Unanimously.

2. A motion was made by Mrs. Russell to approve the Building and Endowment Fund Financial Reports for January 2024.

Second: Mr. Peller. Approved: Unanimously.

Director's Report: The Library Director stated that courteous behavior is expected from the Trustees, especially toward her. Information regarding the estimate to repair the fountain was presented by the Director. The Director reported on donations received in February. In 2023, the Friends of the Library gifted \$ 20,461 to the Library. Biographies and proposals for attorneys: Mr. Michael Cerone and Mr. Douglas Zucker were in the Board Packets. The library system was down on February 12 and 13 due to adding a new library to the consortium. Information on the roof proposals were in the Library Board packets once again.

Old Business: A motion was made by Mrs. White to approve Marshall Roofing LLC for the roof project.

Second: Mrs. Russell. Approved: Unanimously.

New Business: The special meeting scheduled for February 28 to meet with Library Attorneys Mr. Cerone and Mr. Zucker was discussed. The meeting is scheduled to take place in the meeting room at the Library.

Public: The Board recognized Mrs. Mary K. Schmermund. Mrs. Schmermund presented a statement from Mrs. Barbara Kalavik supporting the building of an outdoor structure for programs at the Library.

The Board recognized Mr. Mahler. Mr. Mahler stated that the town of Avalon had to give money back and that is not pertinent to the Pequannock Library.

The Board recognized Ms. Brianne Colombo. Ms. Colombo stated she is disheartened with the use of Library funds.

The Board recognized Mr. Doug Muzzio. Mr. Muzzio stated that the Library Board has a responsibility to the people that use the Library.

Public session was closed.

Special Board Meeting: February 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: March 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mrs. White to adjourn at 8:28 PM.

Second: Mr. Peller. Approved: Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. McBain, Secretary