

GARWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RE-ORGANIZATION BOARD MEETING: January 11, 2023

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Re-Organization

Mr. John Nolan, the current President of the Board, called the re-organization meeting of the Garwood Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 7:35 P.M. with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance

Announcement of compliance with Open Public Meeting Laws

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Union County Hawk advertised on December 15, 2022. Notification was sent to the Star-Ledger, and is posted on the Municipal website, the Municipal public bulletin board and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk. Notification informed the public of the time and place according to the Provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975)

The Mayor appointed the following new members to the Board: Carol Hart and Allison Gernett. We also acknowledged the new Superintendent of Schools Christopher Kinney who was not in attendance

Nominations were made for several Board changes. James Hart was nominated as President, replacing John Nolan. A motion was made by John Nolan and seconded by Maria Colish. James Hart accepted the position. The Board also acknowledged the many years of John Nolan's outstanding leadership as President of the Library Board.

Thereafter, John Nolan swore in James Hart as the President of the Library Board for 2023.

John Nolan was nominated to fill the vacated unexpired term of Treasurer Christine DiGiacomo. A motion was made by Debra Broski to appoint John Nolan Treasurer and seconded by Marc Lazarow. John Nolan accepted the position as Treasurer.

The Debra Broski agreed to remain the interim Secretary of the Board until the next meeting. A vote on the Secretary position was tabled till next meeting.

Roll Call:

Trustees: -P- James Hart

-P- John Nolan, -P- Maria Colish, -P- Marc Lazarow, -P- Debra Broski, -P- Maria Nierstedt,
P- Mary Emmons, -E- Allison Gernett, -E- Carol Hart

Others present: -P- Maryanne Duffy (Staff)

Members of the Public: None

Hearing of the Citizens: None

Approval of December 7, 2022 Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Maria Nierstedt, seconded by Mary Emmons. Motion passed.

Financial Report: Treasurer John Nolan reviewed the budget balances for the Library Trust Account and Budget Account. Motion to approve the Treasurers report was made by Maria Colish, seconded by Maria Nierstedt. Motion passed.

Directors Report: Maryanne Duffy (Director) reported on circulation, and this month's library events and upcoming library events. These events are posted on the Library's Website. Circulation and attendance at the library for December of 2022 was greater than that of December 2021. A detailed Director's Report is available for review upon request.

Committee Reports: None

Communications: None

Unfinished Business: Maryanne Duffy provided copies of the Garwood Free Public Library Board of Trustees Policies and Procedures. The Board will review and discuss these at the February meeting.

New Business: A motion was made by John Nolan to request a change correcting Resolution 2022-4, Mary Emmons seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

The Board also reviewed existing meeting minutes and made suggestions for a new format to be followed in 2023. Discussion to approve a new format will continue at the February meeting.

Adjournments: Motion to close the meeting was made by John Nolan, seconded by Maria Nierstedt. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M. The Board's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 1 @ 7:30 P.M. in the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Broski,
Secretary