

GARWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MINUTES FOR MAY 3, 2023

1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAWS

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Union County Hawk advertised on January 3, 2023. 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)

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. James Hart, President of the Board, called the meeting of the Garwood Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 7:38 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Trustees:

P- James Hart, P- John Nolan, P- Maria Colish, P- Marc Lazarow, P- Debra Broski, P- Maria Nierstedt,

P- Christopher Kinney, P- Allison Kalban-Gernett, -P- Carol Hart

Others present: -P- Maryanne Duffy (Staff)

Members of the Public Present: None

4. HEARING OF THE CITIZENS: None

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion to approve the April 5, 2023 Minutes was made by Debra Broski, seconded by Allison Kalban-Gernett. Motion passed.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer John Nolan reviewed the budget balances for the Library Trust Account and Budget Account. Total reserve funds remain the same. The town has still not yet approved the final budget. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Maria Nierstedt, seconded by Maria Colish. Motion passed.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Maryanne Duffy reported on circulation, and this month's library events along with upcoming library events. These events are posted on the Library's Website. A detailed Director's Report is available for review upon request.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

9. COMMUNICATIONS: Sharon Warne sent a letter to the library including a donation of \$100 to purchase gardening and children's books in memory of Susan Perrotta.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

LMXAC: Presentation to be made by a representative during the June 7th meeting.

Lease: The Garwood Library's Lease with the Garwood Board of Ed is set to expire June 30, 2023. Discussion on the terms of the Lease scheduled for May 11, 2023. James Hart appointed a Committee of Ms. Duffy, Mr. Hart and Mr. Nolan to review the lease and meet with representatives of the Board of Education on behalf of the Library Board on May 11, 2023.

Changing Table: Folding baby changing table in the patron's restroom will be on the school Board's May 16th agenda/meeting.

NJLA Conference, May 31 - June 2: Director Maryanne Duffy will be attending.

Garwood Rocks, June 4, 2023: Trustees volunteered to sit at the library booth at this event.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

First Amendment Audit: More information to be gathered from local libraries and reviewed.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to close the meeting was made by Mr. Nolan, seconded by Ms. Nierstedt. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Next Board meeting is September 6th at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Colish
Secretary, Garwood Public Library