

Wantagh Public Library
Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2020
Revised

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wantagh Public Library was held on Wednesday, June 30, 2020. Trustees Margaret Kowalski, Laura Dupkin Memisha, Kurt Faraczek, Barbara Brochstein and Gianna Gelci-Steen were present.

This meeting was conducted via videoconference with audio recorded as per New York State COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in effect.

Board President Margaret Kowalski called the meeting to order at 3:55pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kurt Faraczek made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 3:57pm to discuss the employment history of several people.

Barbara Brochstein seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Brochstein made a motion to leave Executive Session at 4:02 pm.

Kurt Faraczek seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Gianna Gelci-Steen made a motion to accept the following results of the Wantagh Public Library Budget Vote and Election held on June 16, 2020 via US Mail under COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in effect:

The Library budget passed with 2145 YES votes and 612 NO votes.

Kurt Faraczek was elected as Trustee with 2277 votes.

Laura Dupkin Memisha seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Brochstein made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Wantagh Public Library hereby authorizes the use of funds from the Wantagh Public Library's Capital Improvement Funds for the HVAC Replacement Project.

Gianna Gelci-Steen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Brochstein made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Wantagh Public Library (the "Board of Trustees") is proposing the improvements at the Wantagh Public Library (hereinafter the "proposed action"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has retained John Tanzi Architects to review the proposed action, the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, and to make a recommendation to the Board as to the proper classification of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action specifically includes a replacement of the existing hvac system and associated electrical work; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1) and (2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the "maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility..." and the "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site..." are Type II actions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the Wantagh Public Library, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by John Tanzi Architects, hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1) and (2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

Gianna Gelci-Stein seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Gianna Gelci-Stein made a motion to accept the proposal from Tara Cassidy, CPA for accounting services effective June 22, 2020 at a cost of \$1,000 per week. Acceptance is subject to contract review by Library counsel.

Barbara Brochstein seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Laura Dupkin Memisha made a motion to discard one obsolete Dell cpu, serial number E177FPF, and one obsolete 17 inch computer monitor manufactured in February 2007.

Gianna Gelci-Stein seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Laura Dupkin Memisha made a motion to accept the retirement of Account Clerk Gail Heitner effective 6/30/2020.

Barbara Brochstein seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Laura Dupkin Memisha made a motion to accept the retirement of Senior Clerk Typist Frances Lucchese effective 6/30/2020 subject to the Library's receipt of a signed resignation letter.

Barbara Brochstein seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Brochstein made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS complying with constraints imposed by New York State in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as limits on staffing levels, distancing rules, and limits on gatherings has resulted in a reduction in the Library's services to the Wantagh Community; and

WHEREAS this situation has made it such that many of the traditional services we once provided such as bus trips, educational programs, book discussions, concerts and performances are no longer possible or occur on a smaller scale; and

WHEREAS the foregoing has resulted in a lack of work for a number of our employees; and

WHEREAS the Library has incurred unexpected, costly expenditures because of New York State requirements to provide staff members with PPE, sanitizing / disinfection materials, and the installation of safety glass barriers within the building; and

WHEREAS the Wantagh Public Library Board of Trustees wishes to utilize our resources and taxpayer funds efficiently and appropriately, the Library Board of Trustees has determined that the

abolition of certain positions, the consolidation of duties and the resulting layoffs of certain employees are required.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for reasons of economy and efficiency, one (1) Clerk (P/T) position is hereby abolished effective June 30, 2020, and pursuant to the direction of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission, Christine Lavery will be laid off effective on that date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that part time Librarian 1 Deborah Honen is hereby terminated effective June 30, 2020.

Gianna Gelci-Stein seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Kurt Faraczek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 pm.

Gianna Gelci-Stein seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Kowalski
Secretary Pro-Tempore

Next Board Meeting is the Annual Reorganization Meeting - July 14, 7PM