

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HAMPTON LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017

MINUTES

Present: Louise Collins, John Vendetti, Sandra Ferguson, Tom House, Jackie Poole, Tom White, Sarah Stenn, Matthew Rojano, Harvey Loomis.

Guest: Judy Williams, Co-President of the Friends of the Library.

President Collins called the meeting to order at 3:36 pm.

Ms. Williams briefed the Board about the upcoming Friends' events: They have sold 29 tickets for the summer Barn Party at \$175 each, \$50 for kids; they have gotten a dumpster free; there are permitting fees of more than \$300 to be paid. In general, the Friends are still trying to organize everything for the party. But the Sunday Summer Kickoff last week, May 28th was a great success -- some 130 people attended and there were many compliments from our patrons as well as several Board members.

Sarah Stenn moved, Tom House seconded and the Board voted unanimously to accept the agenda.

Matthew Rojano moved, Sandra Ferguson seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2017 regular board meeting.

The Director reported that the building painting project is moving along pretty well, and while the bad weather has impeded its progress, Eric Ince is confident that his company will finish the job on time – and says that he will replicate the faded old “Hampton Library” sign on the front of the building for free as a gift to the Library.

The Library has once again received \$4000 from New York State, thanks to State Senator Kenneth LaValle.

In a discussion about the proposed 2018 budget regarding staff members, the Director explained that now that the debt service owed to the Bridgehampton National Bank will be retired we have been able to hire two more full-time staffers, and will be able to raise the salaries of the part-time members currently making minimum wage.

The Director offered high kudos to Amy Wahl for her work with the Young Adults, more of whom who have frequented the Library then in many years, and who will participate on the annual “Battle of the Books” for the first time in five years. Part of this success seems to be that the school bus now delivers students directly to the Library after school.

At 4:27 pm Sandra Ferguson moved, Tom White seconded and the Board voted unanimously to enter executive session for personnel matters. At 5:04, the regular meeting was resumed.

Tom House moved, Jackie Poole seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the following financial matters:

The Hampton Library in Bridgehampton
Minutes of the June 21, 2017
Regular Meeting

DISBURSEMENTS

a. Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Hampton Library approves the prepayments of checks dated 05/17/2017 to 5/25/2017 numbered 14000-14016 in the amount of \$31311.95.

b. Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Hampton Library approves the disbursements of checks dated 06/14/2017 numbered 14017-14054 in the amount of \$36512.74.

PAYROLL

a. Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Hampton Library approves the payroll for the periods 04/26/2017-05/09/2017 in the amount of \$23372.33 and 05/10/2017-05/23/2017 in the amount of \$22081.38

FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Hampton Library accepts the Operating Financial Reports prepared by Danielle Menchise, the Library's Business Manager, for the period 05/01/2017-05/31/2017.

OPERATIONAL RESOLUTION

Sarah Stenn moved, Tom White seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the following operational resolution:

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law (GML) §3-c establishes a tax levy limit for all budgets approved by libraries that may require school districts to levy a tax on their behalf; and WHEREAS, the Hampton Library's budget is governed by GML §3-c; and WHEREAS, GML §3-c authorizes the Hampton Library Board of Trustees to exceed the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty (60%) percent of the qualified Trustees; and WHEREAS, the Hampton Library's budget will result in a tax levy which exceeds the tax levy limit; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Hampton Library expressly permit the Library budget to exceed the tax levy limit set forth in GML §3-c; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Hampton Library adopts the proposed 2018 budget in the amount of 1,287,400.00, with the requisite portion thereof to be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property within the Bridgehampton Union Free School District and the Sagaponack Common School District boundaries, subject to voter approval.

At 5:05pm Jackie Poole moved, Tom House seconded and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,
Harvey Loomis, Secretary*