

Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Borough of Longport,
June 22, 2020

Call to Order: President Roy Law called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

The meeting attendees participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Law: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting was advertised in The Press of Atlantic City on June 19, 2020 and sent to the Current on June 17, 2020. Notice of this meeting was also posted on the Library's website and in Longport Borough Hall. Official Action may be taken at this meeting.

Recording of Attendance: President Roy Law, Member Damen Tomassi, Treasurer Patricia English, Member/Acting Secretary Erin Schiavo, Member Joanne Clayton (present at 5:06), Carl Tripician, President of the Board of Education, and Library Director Ricky Gerhardt in attendance.

Absent: Mayor Nick Russo, Member Dolores Wilson, Secretary Elizabeth Peterson-Ricci

Old Business: Approval of minutes from May 18, 2020. Patricia English motioned for approval of minutes, Erin Schiavo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Public Comment: There was no public comment

New Business:

President's Report: Roy Law, Board President announced that we will be holding our summer meetings since this is an unprecedented time.

Treasurer's Report: Patricia English reported on the Library Finances for the last month. She indicated that we have \$358,861.85 as a beginning balance. She reported cash receipts in the amount of \$14.97. She reported a cash disbursed amount as \$15,824.78. The ending cash balance was \$343,052.04.

Erin Schiavo motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Damen Tomassi seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Bill Pay List: The bill pay list was reviewed and presented by Patricia English, Treasurer. Carl Tripician asked about the \$2,000 payment to McLees. Ricky reported that the payment was the third and final payment for the architectural services. Erin Schiavo motioned to approve the bill list, Damen Tomassi seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Director's Report: Ricky Gerhardt, Library Director updated the Board on the status of the Library as it remains closed due to COVID 19 and the Governor's orders. Ricky shared that curbside pick-up had begun. The Library had offered this service for 2 days, and will be continuing to offer it until further notice. Ricky reported that there are talks to reschedule two of our visiting authors, Elin Hilderbrand and Kate Quinn. He is hoping to reschedule them for next summer. The visiting author, Anna Napolitano is still scheduled for this summer. Ricky explained that her talk will be held outside and that guests can come and bring beach chairs to maintain social distancing. Ricky reported that programs have been held virtually, such as Yoga and cooking classes, and that summer reading will also be held this way. He explained that for summer reading prizes, the library staff would distribute them curbside. Ricky hopes to transition some programs outside such as BINGO and summer concerts. Ricky updated the members on Sunday summer hours. He also shared that the construction bond has been submitted to the State although, it is unclear if funds will still be available due to COVID 19 and its financial impact on the State. Ricky asked that we help educate residents and members on the current status of the Library. Some news headlines recently have misled people and that the closure is mandated by the Governor.

MISC. Business:

- Meetings will continue virtually via the go meet platform until further notice.

Public Comment: No public comment

Adjournment: 5:10

Patricia English motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 pm, Joanne Clayton, seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.