

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, February 2020  
This meeting was partially videotaped.

President Nick Ciampi called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

It was noted that the meeting was being held in compliance with the **Open Public Meetings Act**.

**Roll Call:**

Kevin McNeil	<i>present</i>	Nicholas Ciampa	<i>present</i>	Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	<i>present</i>
Iris Kislin	<i>ill</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>present</i>	Edward Ward	<i>present</i>
Tom Lennon	<i>absent</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>absent</i>		
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

Iris motioned to open the meeting to public comment. There being no public present, the meeting was closed to public comments.

NBC motioned to approve the minutes of the January 22 meeting as amended by changing Tom Lennon from absent to present. Kevin seconded and all were in favor.

**Director's Report:**

January presented the financial reports of the **Director's report** for the month of January. The financial reports were filed for audit.

January highlighted various aspects of the narrative section of her monthly report. She noted that:

- One thousand eight hundred and ninety-four people attended 96 programs held at the library and the branch during the last month. Of particular note were Frosty the Snowman's visits to the branch and main library.
- The library's adult and children's winter reading programs are still in progress. To date, 38 patrons have registered for the Adult Winter Reading program and thirty-nine- children have registered for the Children's Winter Reading Program.
- AARP has begun preparing tax returns for senior citizens and others on weekdays. Assistance is by appointment with AARP.
- January showed board members an example of a book with a faded spine label to illustrate the library-wide endeavor to find and replace faded labels with new labels.

**President's Report:**

Discussion of township-wide concerns with recent shootings as described in an article from the *Star-Ledger*.

**Correspondence and communications:**

*Library Journal*: "Library Denied Access to *New York Times Online*," January 2020. A discussion of censorship followed.

**Old Business:**

NBC motioned to authorize January to make an offer not to exceed \$240,000 to the Franklin Township Board of Education for two acres located at block 37.02, Lot 12. Nick seconded.

Roll call vote:

Kevin McNeil	<i>yes</i>	Nicholas Ciampa	<i>yes</i>	Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	<i>yes</i>
Edward Ward	<i>yes</i>				

Kevin motioned to approve obtaining the services of the Reynolds Group to conduct a survey of block 37.02, Lot 12 at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. NBC seconded.

Roll call vote:

Kevin McNeil            *yes*                    Nicholas Ciampa        *yes*                    Nabil Choueiri (NBC)   *yes*  
Edward Ward            *yes*

Nick stated that he would call Jeff Reynolds the next day and ask him to start surveying the property. It is believed that the legal description of the property comes from the survey.

**New Business:**

Kevin motioned to empower Nick and January to make time sensitive branch construction decisions occurring in between board meetings. Ed seconded and all were in favor.

The group briefly discussed the need for a public meeting to inform residents about its plans for building a new branch. Franklin Park School was mentioned as an ideal venue for this event.

NBC motioned to open the meeting to public comment. There being no public present, the meeting was closed to public comments.

**The next meeting** will be March 25, 2020. The Mayor will not be able to attend.

Kevin motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ed seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

January Adams  
Director of Library Services