

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, May 24, 2017  
This meeting was videotaped.

President Nick Ciampi called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Roll Call:**

Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>ill</i>	John Clyde	<i>present</i>	Nicholas Ciampa	<i>present</i>
Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	<i>absent</i>	Iris Kislin	<i>present</i>	Carolyn Armstrong	<i>present</i>
Mayor Kramer	<i>present</i>				
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

There being no members of the public present, the meeting was not opened to the public.

Nick stated that the minutes from the April 27 regular meeting were accepted.

**Director's Report:**

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

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

- The online registration form, which went live on April 25, has had 25 users so far.
- The library will be launching Hoopla on June 5. Staff will be holding an introductory session that evening for patrons.
- One thousand, nine hundred and sixty-three people attended 95 programs held at the library during the last month.
- Summer reading programs will begin on June 15.

**President's Report:**

Nick distributed copies of the township's policy on the use of electronic communication in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**Correspondence and communications:**

Letter from Iris, Board Secretary, to Damion Summerer thanking him for his service on the Board of Trustees.

**Old Business:**

John Clyde requested a correction on his email address as it appears on the board member roster.

Iris inquired as to whether January had asked the auditors why the updated Franklin Park lease information was not included in the original audit. January replied that she had asked them and that they had told her it was an oversight and to please accept their apologies.

**New Business:**

January noted the difficulties that the library staff and patrons have had on the days that the county holds its annual mobile shredding events in the municipal complex. Anyone trying to get to the library basically gets trapped in the line of cars on

DeMott Lane waiting to get to the shredding trucks. Since the back entrance to the lot is blocked off, patrons and staff have no option but to wait in the line to get into lot. Consequently staff are late to work and patrons get annoyed when they cannot access the complex to get to the library. The next shredding event is scheduled for July 8 and January wanted to know if anything could be done to ameliorate the situation. Mayor Kramer suggested January contact Bob Vornlocker and inform him of these concerns.

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the open Public Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1-9), Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Public Library Board of Trustees is of the opinion that such circumstances do exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin Township Public Library Board of Trustees in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters:
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
  - a) Property negotiations
3. The Franklin Township Public Library Board of Trustees may take official action on those items discussed in Executive Session upon completion of the Executive Session.
4. The minutes of the discussions shall be made available to the public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The aforesaid resolution was moved by John and seconded by Iris. All were in favor and the board adjourned into Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

Property options and negotiations were discussed during executive session.

John motioned that the subcommittee meet or otherwise communicate with township staff to determine the appropriate means to select an architect to determine the cost of construction, site preparation, permits, outfitting, and environmental issues with regards to the proposed Franklin Park library. Iris seconded and all were in favor.

Mayor Kramer left the meeting at 6:15 to attend an event at the Food Bank. A quorum was still present.

**The next meeting** will be June 28, 2017

John motioned to adjourn the meeting and Iris seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

January Adams  
Director of Library Services