

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

This meeting was video recorded.

President Nick Ciampa called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call:

John Clyde	<i>present</i>	Nicholas Chiampa	<i>present</i>	Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	<i>present</i>
Iris Kislin	<i>present</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>present</i>	Edward Ward	<i>absent</i>
Tom Lennon	<i>absent</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>present (5:50)</i>		
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

The meeting was opened for public comment. Bob Vornlocker, Township Manager, updated the board on the Youth Center project. He described the various phases that had been completed and those that were still pending. It is anticipated that construction will be completed in August or September 2020. In answer to a board member’s question about parking, Bob stated that the township was actively pursuing acquiring neighboring parcels on the other side of Lewis Street for additional parking. Bob finished speaking, was thanked by the group, and left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Anne Taylor, township resident, inquired who Bob Vornlocker was.

The meeting was then closed for public comment.

NBC motioned to approve the minutes of the September 26 meeting. Iris seconded. Three were in favor and two abstained.

Director’s Report:

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

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

- One thousand, three hundred and seventy-two people attended 84 programs held at the library during the last month.
- The MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival attracted almost 200 viewers, which was almost double the attendance of last year. This was the second year the library offered these films.
- The Outreach Librarian and members of the Youth Services department represented the library at the Farmers’ Market and at Franklin Day. They spoke with many residents, promoting library services and programs.

President’s Report:

Nick noted that sections of the sidewalks surrounding the library had been replaced by the township. He asked Iris, as Board Secretary, to write to public works thanking them.

Correspondence and communications:

“NEA Finds Small Dip in Reading,” *Publishers’ Weekly*, September 17, 2018

Old Business:

Mayor Kramer moved that the board declassify the executive sessions from the following meetings: Jan. 25, 2017, Feb. 22, 2017, March 22, 2017, April 27, 2017, May 24, 2017, June 28, 2017, Aug. 23, 2017, Sept. 27, 2017, Oct. 25, 2017, Feb. 28, 2018, March 28, 2018, and Aug. 22, 2018. John seconded and all were in favor.

New Business:

John Clyde motioned to approve the holiday closings for 2019 as presented by January. Iris seconded and all were in favor.

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 Agnes. All were in favor and the board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 6:40 p.m.

The meeting was re-opened for public comment. Anne Taylor asked where the executive session minutes would be available. January replied that they would be located at the reference desk and posted on the library's web site.

The next meeting will be November 28, 2018. The December 19 meeting will be held on December 12. The Mayor noted that he will be unavailable on November 14.

Iris motioned to adjourn. Agnes seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

January Adams
Director of Library Services