

**Mount Laurel Library  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
December 21, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

6:00 P.M.

**FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION:**

Provided by Ms. Sawyer

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT:**

Ms. Sawyer stated that this meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was provided by way of the Burlington County Times, the Courier Post, and the Mount Laurel Sun, and it was posted in the library and on its website.

**ROLL CALL:**

Beth Demaio – *absent*

Noreen Duffey – *present*

Susan Fortuna – *absent*

Denise Gamble – *present*

Fozia Janjua – *present via zoom*

Fredda Sacharow – *present*

McKenna Samson – *present*

Stephanie Sawyer – *present*

Walter F. Stridick – *present*

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ed Campbell, Esq.

Becky Boydston

Mary Ann Evoy

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:**

Approval of November 16, 2022 minutes of meeting:

Motion to approve: Ms. Janjua

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Sacharow

Roll Call: 7 yes votes

**APPROVAL of BILL LIST and BILL LIST ADDENDUM:**

Motion to approve: Mr. Stridick

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Duffey

Roll Call: 7 yes votes

**REPORT FROM LIBRARY STAFF:**

Ms. Boydston reported that the Books for Kids drive was a success and showed us the pop up holiday card that was included in the baskets – super cute!

Winter break reading is now in progress.

The Library has collected enough plastic bags to earn a bench!

The wiring for the new security cameras is being done now.

Mr. Stridick asked about volunteer statistic numbers concerned that the numbers were down, but Ms. Boydston explained that there is an ebb and flow with these numbers with a peak in the summer months.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Township has handled the Library’s RFPs for professional appointments for the new year. Based on the responses the Township Manager recommended the same firms we are currently using be appointed at the reorganization meeting in January 2023. There was a budget transfer to cover some utility expenses that were more than expected. The budget for 2023 will include a 3% salary increase for full time employees. The minimum wage in New Jersey is going to be \$14.13 in January. The proposed budget includes new hourly rates for various part-time positions based on that.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**2022-035 Budget Transfer**

Motion to approve: Mr. Stridick

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Samson

Roll Call: 7 yes

**2022-036 Cancellation of Outstanding Checks**

Motion to approve: Ms. Duffey

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Gamble

Roll Call: 7 yes

**2022-037 2023 Budget**

Motion to approve: Mr. Stridick

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Sacharow

Roll Call: 7 yes

**2022-038 Authorization to sell surplus on discover books**

Motion to approve: Ms. Duffey

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Gamble

Roll Call: 7 yes

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**BOARD of TRUSTEES COMMENT:** The Board bid a fond farewell to McKenna Samson and wished her luck in her future endeavors as her term on the board has ended.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn at 6:16 P.M.: Ms. Duffey  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Sacharow  
All in favor