

**ELMWOOD PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 19, 2020**

OPEN

Kathleen Policano opened the public meeting at 6:05 P.M. in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act.

ROLL CALL

Present: Geraldine Mola, Kathleen Policano, Christine Grezlak, Anthony Iachetti, and Doris Wechtler.

Absent: Daniela Buscio, Stacy Mola, and Mayor Colletti.

Kathleen Policano extended the sympathies of the Board to Mayor Colletti on the death of his brother Vincent. She also remembered Mayor Mola, the anniversary of his passing was tomorrow, October 20.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kathleen Policano made a motion to accept the September 21, 2020 minutes

First: Doris Wechtler.

Second: Anthony Iachetti

Approved: Geraldine Mola, Kathleen Policano, Christine Grezlak, Anthony Iachetti, and Doris Wechtler.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Trial Balance and Bill's List

Kathleen Policano made a motion to approve the Trial Balances and Bill's Lists for September 2020.

First: Geraldine Mola

Second: Anthony Iachetti

Approved: Geraldine Mola, Kathleen Policano, Christine Grezlak, Anthony Iachetti, and Doris Wechtler.

OTHER REPORTS

Kathleen Policano made a motion to accept the Director's Reports, Reference Reports and Circulation Reports from September 2020.

First: Doris Wechtler.

Second: Anthony Iachetti

Approved: Geraldine Mola, Kathleen Policano, Christine Grezlak, Anthony Iachetti, and Doris Wechtler.

BUILDING UPDATE

Kathleen Policano had visited the building October 19 and wasn't able to get to much information from the workers onsite. What she observed was the trench was still open, perhaps a little wider than she saw last time. She saw lots of rocks and debris that she believes will be used in filling in the trench, once permission has been given. She reported receiving a call from the furniture company, the furniture is all finished and is being stored, mostly be them. When we are ready we can call them so they can place the furniture.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Freitag (35 Hillman Drive) had a question regarding the status of approval by the Building Department and whether it had gone that far. Doris Wechtler informed him she hadn't heard anything yet. Kathleen Policano mentioned we hadn't been updated as to the statues since the change order was passed at the previous meeting, but that the architect would have gotten right to work after receiving our approval. Kevin Neary mentioned he had heard from the contractor that they had received a question from the Building Department; he assumed it had been a clarification type question, so he also assumed that must mean the Building Department had received and was reviewing the drawings. Kathleen Policano also mentioned she heard when she had stopped by earlier that day that the Head Contractor would be there the next day, so she intends to see him and get some clarification. Doris Wechtler mention when she had last asked Mayor Colletti about an update, last Thursday, he had said he should be updated by Monday night, but she thought that the death in his family would have made an update unlikely to have taken place. Kathy reiterated that she would be going over the next day and would report back to the Board with anything she found out.

Jeff Freitag also asked who do they report too, and how are progress reports given? Kathleen Policano replied that they go to the Architect in charge or our building, and he would report to the Board President, but she had not heard any update at that time. Jeff Freitag and Doris Wechtler discussed meeting attendance at Board Meetings. Jeff Freitag also expressed concern over the coming cold weather and what that would mean for paving and asphaltting. Geraldine Mola requested that the Board be notified with an update from what is found out at tomorrow's meeting and Kathleen Policano agreed.

Kathleen Policano adjourned the meeting at 6:23 P.M.