

**ELMWOOD PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 19, 2021**

OPEN

Kathleen Policano opened the public meeting at 6:02 P.M. in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act.

ROLL CALL

Present: Kathleen Policano, Geraldine Mola, Stacy Mola, Christine Grezlak, Anthony Iachetti, and Mayor Colletti.

Absent: Daniela Buscio

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kathleen Policano called for a motion to approve the March 15, 2021 minutes

First: Geraldine Mola

Second: Stacy Mola

Approved: Kathleen Policano, Geraldine Mola, Stacy Mola, Christine Grezlak, Anthony Iachetti and Mayor Colletti.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Trial Balance and Bill's List

Kathleen Policano called for a motion to approve the Trial Balances and Bill's Lists for March 2021.

First: Anthony Iachetti

Second: Stacy Mola

Approved: Kathleen Policano, Geraldine Mola, Stacy Mola, Christine Grezlak, Anthony Iachetti and Mayor Colletti.

OTHER REPORTS

Kathleen Policano called for a motion to accept the Director's Reports, Reference Reports, Programs Report, and Circulation Reports from March 2021.

First: Geraldine Mola

Second: Christine Grezlak

Approved: Kathleen Policano, Geraldine Mola, Stacy Mola, Christine Grezlak, Anthony Iachetti and Mayor Colletti.

BUILDING UPDATE

Kathleen Policano reported to the Board that PSE&G had come and done what they needed to do. She informed the Trustees about the need to transfer money from the Operating Account to the Building Fund to pay bill due. Kathleen Policano read the resolution to transfer \$190,000 from the Operating Account to the Building Fund restricted for the purpose of Capital expenses. Mayor Colletti asked questions about Retainage and dispersal and asked information be forwarded to him.

Kathleen Policano called for a motion to accept the resolution to transfer funds.

First: Mayor Colletti

Second: Christine Grezlak

Approved: Kathleen Policano, Geraldine Mola, Stacy Mola, Christine Grezlak, Anthony Iachetti, and Mayor Colletti

OTHER ISSUES

Stacy Mola asked about the temperature screening systems talked about at the previous Board Meeting and reported on in the Director's Report. No action was taken regarding this item.

Stacy Mola also asked after the status of seeking a new permanent Director. Kathleen Policano said we should begin advertising within the next few weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Doris Wechtler asked if the order had been placed for the lettering to add Mayor Mola's name to the Library building. Kathleen Policano confirmed that order had been placed.

Jeffery Freitag (35 Hillman Drive) had a question regarding grant funding, specifically the grants mentioned in the newspaper the previous week that he had forwarded to the Trustees. Kevin Neary had reached out to the town grant writer regarding the 2 grants mentioned in the article. The grant writer felt the smaller grant was a bad fit for the Elmwood Park Library, while the larger grant still had details yet to be determined. There was discussion from the trustees and public regarding grants and the town grant writer.

Jeffery Freitag also questioned of the \$190,000 moved earlier in the meeting, how much of that was for the furniture. Kathleen Policano indicated the library still owed around \$150,000 for furniture. Jeffery Freitag also asked if an opening date had been set yet. Kathleen Policano responded that we still hadn't gotten a final date from the contractor, and after that work still remained to be done – such as getting the books back on the shelves. Stacy Mola also brought of her concern about keeping the public informed via Library Social Media regarding the construction progress. Kathleen Policano said that information can be posted to the library website as well. Mayor Colletti asked Kevin Neary to call the building department to inquire after what is left to be done in terms of code, to get a better idea of how much longer the project will take. Kevin agreed to reach out to the Building Department and send Mayor Colletti the requested information.

Kathleen Policano adjourned the meeting at 6:29 P.M.