

ELMWOOD PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 15, 2019

**OPEN**

Kathleen Policano opened the public meeting at 7:03 P.M. in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Geraldine Mola, Kathleen Policano, Richard Trawinski, Daniela Buscio, Mayor Golabek, and Anthony Iachetti (arrived 7:05)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Kathleen Policano made a motion to accept the June 10, 2019 minutes

First: Richard Trawinski

Second: Geraldine Mola

Approved: Geraldine Mola, Kathleen Policano, Richard Trawinski, and Daniela Buscio

Abstain: Mayor Golabek

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Kathleen Policano made a motion to approve the June 2019 Trial Balance

First: Daniela Buscio

Second: Richard Trawinski

Approved: Geraldine Mola, Kathleen Policano, Richard Trawinski, Daniela Buscio, and Mayor Golabek

Kathleen Policano made a motion to approve the June 2019 Bill's List in the amount of \$331,176.42

First: Geraldine Mola

Second: Daniela Buscio

Approved: Geraldine Mola, Kathleen Policano, Richard Trawinski, Daniela Buscio, and Mayor Golabek

**OTHER REPORTS**

Kathleen Policano made a motion to accept the June 2019 Director's report, Reference report, and Circulation report

First: Geraldine Mola

Second: Daniela Buscio

Approved: Geraldine Mola, Kathleen Policano, Richard Trawinski, Daniela Buscio, Anthony Iachetti, and Mayor Golabek

- Bobbie Protono mentioned that there was also a Children's Department report attached.
- Mrs. Policano thanked the staff for their cooperation and hard work in getting the Hut ready for use. She thanked Leanne Ross for the use of her van.
- Mrs. Policano thanked Bobbie Protono for resuming the position of Director and facilitating getting the Hut ready for use.
- Mrs. Policano thanked Leanne Ross for continuing children's programs without interruption regardless of circumstances.

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- Mrs. Policano indicated that there is sufficient money in the building fund to complete the renovation project. However, if there is any shortfall, the difference can come from the operating account.
- Mayor Golabek stated that he will appoint a new trustee to replace to replace Franceso Fasolo who resigned when he was appointed to the Council.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

#### **Resolution and Vote: 2019 Budget**

Kathleen Policano made a motion to accept the 2019 library budget

First: Richard Trawinski

Second: Daniela Buscio

Approved: Geraldine Mola, Kathleen Policano, Richard Trawinski, Daniela Buscio, Anthony Iachetti, and Mayor Golabek

#### **Fine Free Libraries**

The trustees briefly discussed pros and cons of a fine free library policy.

Motion was made to table the discussion until the September 16, 2019 meeting

First: Geraldine Mola

Second: Richard Trawinski

Approved: Geraldine Mola, Kathleen Policano, Richard Trawinski, Daniela Buscio, Anthony Iachetti and Mayor Golabek

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeffrey Freitag 35 Hillman Drive

- Mr. Freitag commented on the Hut being used for tutoring.
- Mr. Freitag commented on possible surplus from the 2019 budget and how it might be used.

Jean Freitag 35 Hillman Drive

- Mrs. Freitag commented on the possible donation of stacks and furniture that are discarded from the library

Doris Wechtler 124 Philip Avenue

- Mrs. Wechtler thanked the staff for their hard work in getting the Hut prepared for use.
- Mrs. Wechtler thanked Bobbie Protono for resuming the Director position and for resolving some of the library's recent problems.

Kathleen Policano adjourned the meeting at 7:20 P.M.