

In keeping with Executive Order 202.1 (regarding emergency adjustments to the Open Meetings Law in response to the Covid-19 pandemic), the public is not permitted in-person access to this meeting, and the meeting was held remotely via Zoom video conference link posted on Pearl River Public Library website 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. As required by the Governor’s Order, the public will have the ability to view and listen to such proceedings via Zoom link, and the meeting shall be recorded, transcribed and made available on the Library’s website.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pearl River Public Library was held in the Library on Tuesday, October 26, 2020.

Present in person were Board President Eric Sharrin, Vice President William Morris, Library Director Eugenia Schatoff, Senior Account Clerk Debra McDermott, and Board Clerk Wendy Courtney. Present via video link were Trustees Elizabeth Van Wynen and Donna Warren, Treasurer Magdalena Parvulescu. Also present via video link were invited guests Dominic Calgi and Robert Schofield, Esq.

Trustee Marie Manning was absent.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Sharrin called the meeting to order at 7:15PM. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At least nine members of the public were in attendance, but none offered comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meetings of September 29, 2020 –On a motion by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Dr. Van Wynen, the Board voted 4-0 to pass a resolution approving the Minutes of the meeting of September 29, 2020.

Minutes of the meetings of October 6, 2020 –On a motion by Dr. Van Wynen, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board voted 3-0 to pass a resolution approving the Minutes of the meeting of October 6, 2020. Mrs. Warren abstained.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT, FINANCIAL REPORT & LIST OF CLAIMS

The Board reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Balance Sheet, Actual Cash Flow Spreadsheets for September 2020, and List of Warrants for October 2020. Mrs. Parvulescu reported that the Library had received a partial tax levy payment of \$1,306,000. On a motion by Mr. Sharrin, seconded by Mrs. Warren, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Treasurer’s Report, Balance Sheet, Actual Cash Flow Report for September 2020, and List of Warrants for October 2020.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

The Statistical Reports for September 2020 were reviewed and noted. The Board reached a consensus that year-to-date columns for the current and preceding year be added to the Circulation Table.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

In addition to her written report, Ms. Schatoff shared that there were several videos available on the website explaining the Library Renewal project. Dr. Van Wynen praised the videos as providing a clear presentation of the plans and recommended viewing them.

OLD BUSINESS

Bond referendum – Mr. Schofield stated that he had a legal matter to be discussed in Executive Session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds – The committee did not meet.

Policy Committee – The Policy Committee met twice. The Policy Committee presented a new Public Comment Policy. There was a first reading and a brief discussion of the policy.

Personnel Committee – The committee did not meet, but needs to meet. No meeting was scheduled at this time.

Finance Committee – The Finance Committee did not meet.

PERSONNEL

There was no Personnel business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were emails from Tom DePrisco and Dr. George Krasilovsky.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:04PM, on a motion by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board voted 4-0 to enter Executive Session to a legal matter with Robert Schofield, Esq. and to discuss union contract negotiations.

Ms. Parvulescu, Ms. McDermott, and Ms. Courtney were excused and left the meeting.

Wendy Courtney, Clerk to the Board

At 9:35PM, on a motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Dr. Van Wynen, the Board voted 4-0 to end the Executive session. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mr. Sharrin, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:36PM.

Eugenia Schatoff, Library Director

NEXT MEETING: REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 23, 2020