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A combined Budget Hearing and regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pearl River Public Library was held remotely Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

Participating were Board President Eric Sharrin, Vice President William Morris, Trustees Marie Manning, Donna Warren, and Dr. Elizabeth Van Wynen, Library Director Eugenia Schatoff, Treasurer Magdalena Parvulescu, Senior Account Clerk Debra McDermott, and Board Clerk Wendy Courtney.

In addition, there were 3-5 members of the public viewing the meeting at various times.

**TRANSCRIPT OF MEETING OF 5/26/2020**

**Unrecorded portion of the meeting:**
Mr. Sharrin called the meeting to order at 7:16PM.
All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ms. Schatoff presented information on the proposed 2020-2021 budget. The public was invited to comment or ask questions. Ms. Schatoff also responded to questions that had been emailed to her prior to the start of the meeting.

**Recorded portion of the meeting:**
MS. SCHATOFF: In terms of a second question that I received from a member of the public and I thought that this was worth answering because it did come up on social media. There was a question as to the increases for staff as put into the budget and I wanted to make it clear that all of the increases that we see are primarily contractual increases. The increases are primarily in the range of 1% to 4% depending on a person’s step or their years of service. It’s not a number that the board arbitrarily came up with and decided to ask for. It’s something that a lot of care and calculation goes into determining based on what our contractual obligations are. That was something that was raised via social media and I thought that it was very important to address it in the context of this budget presentation and meeting.

So I just want to state one more time that there is question and answer available through the Zoom meeting. So if anyone has any questions, I’m just trying to give you one more minute to type them in. Please feel free. That was why we put it together like that. (Pause) OK, so I’m not seeing any questions. I didn’t know Eric, if you wanted to add anything?

MR. SHARRIN: No, I just want to say thank you for presenting that in such a clear and concise way. You gave depth and meaning to just a bunch of numbers on a page, and also giving a background of what the library actually does and what goes into all this money that we are paying in our taxes and all the services we provide. It was very informative so thank you very much. And with that I’d like to move on to if there are any public comments at this point?
MS. SCHATOFF: No, there are no questions.

MR. SHARRIN: Very good. Then, I would like to move on to our first guest, Dominic Calgi of Calgi Construction Company to make his presentation. Thank you for joining us, Dominic.

MR. CALGI: To bring you all up to date from the last board meeting: As you know, we had solicited the various geotech firms for the subsurface investigation and Municipal Testing Laboratories was the successful firm. We had originally wanted him to get going on this around April 16 or 17, but then we had the Executive Order about essential/non-essential workers. Long story, short, we finally got the essential letter around April 27, and Municipal submitted it to the Rockland County Department of Health and they were issued a permit the beginning of May. The actual borings were done on Monday and Tuesday, May 18 and May 19. Three borings were done. One was near the entrance of the library at the northwest corner. We had another boring done on the east side parking area, and then we had one done in the rear of the building. All three bores were four inch diameter; they went down about 27 feet. As far as the results, they were running into variations of silty, sandy gravel. Given the blow counts and the other testing that they’ve done to the soil, basically, we have a two ton soil capacity, bearing capacity. So given that information, the report was sent on to Paul Mays and the structural engineering firm, and now we’re just awaiting verification of their initial design and any change in footing design, now that we know the soil capacity.

In that timeframe (I think it was May 13 and 14), we had Omega Environmental perform a hazardous materials inspection done of the library. There were four areas where they encountered asbestos. Door insulation, the white insulation, about 24 square feet of that; black mastic on the floor, we have about 5,500 square feet of asbestos removal there; mastic under the beige and brown streak of the floor, we have another 5,500 square feet; and we waiting . . . Some mastic and tar paper on the lintels, that’s still being tested. So right now, those are the only areas that have come up as far as mastic, asbestos containing materials. We were concerned about the roof, because typically, we usually get a lot of asbestos containing materials in the roof from old cold applied mastic, but they did not find any.

The also did lead based paint test, and so far we have a listing of all types of areas, Children’s Room, Toddlers’ Room, Mechanics Room. So far they’ve tested the dry wall, the window taping, the baseboard, the door casings, and so far, they’ve found no indication of any lead based paint. According to my project manager, Eric, there’s still an outstanding report that we have to get this week, but for right now they have not found any lead based paint. Nothing has come up positive. There may be a change when we get the final report on that, but right now everything looks good for that, and as I said we have those four areas of asbestos containing material.

David Chen in my office prepared a milestone schedule for the project so we can kind of keep everybody on track. Eugenia, did you get a copy of this.

MS. SCHATOFF: Yes, I believe I did.

MR. CALGI: OK, well we sent it out, I think it was just last week, and we’re waiting for input from Paul’s office as well. But we are just trying to highlight the dates, and now that we have the soil bearing capacities reports back to the architect structural, our schedule shows that the
architect preparing his conceptual design and completing it about June 23 or June 24. Then we take it from there, and we have to have our conceptual budget prepared for the Library by July 16th. Then at that point, we go into the review process, and everything is heading to that Legal Notice for the September 15 Bond Referendum Vote.

So, right now, we are on schedule and, as I said, we are waiting for the input from Paul Mays’ office. If there is any change to this schedule, we will let you know. But that is where everything stands right now.

MS. SCHATOFF: Dominic, can you just speak a little bit? As a bystander, a lay person, you hear the word “asbestos” and you get concerned. Can you speak a little bit about that?

MR. CALGI: Well the asbestos . . . Once the project starts the demolition, there’s going to be an abatement program. When they remove the tile, they are going to have to set up, have everything draped, they have decontamination chambers . . . It’s just a process that has to be done before we can actually start demolition. There’s nothing affecting the Library right now, because nothing is disturbed, but once the construction and demolition start, then that’s the first thing that has to be done.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Dominic, I have a question. When trying to do the asbestos abatement, do you need to hire another company? And if so, what’s going to be the price range that we have to incur for this treatment?

MR. CALGI: Well what happens is the asbestos abatement would be under the General Contractor. It would be part of his scope of work. He may hire that out directly or he may incorporate that into a demolition subcontractor who would be responsible for the abatement. The pricing, I would say just knowing what we have right now, not knowing about the PCBs, it’s hard to determine, but I would say, we should be somewhere around $70,000 or somewhere in that range for the abatement process. We haven’t really sent it out for pricing yet, so right now we just going by the square footage that we have and what we think is going to be the approximate cost of that. That may change once we get the rest of the lead based paint report, but there’s less asbestos that we thought there was going to be on the building. Now, we will be asking for unit prices in the bid for because this inspection was done while the library is in use and we try not to do too much destructive demolition, so as the demolition is going on, we may run into some other areas that couldn’t be seen right now. That’s why we ask for the unit price in this process so at least we have a competitive price if we run into more asbestos containing materials.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Thank you. With regard to the total square footage of the asbestos, I know that the two areas that you mention 5500, but I didn’t quite get the total number so far to date of what you’re thinking.

MR. CALGI: Right now, from what we’re getting from Omega, it looks like we have a little over 11,000 square feet and there’s another area that’s to be determined. We don’t have any quantity on that yet.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Alright, thank you very much, Dominic. I appreciate your answers.
MR. SHARRIN: Dominic, I was just curious. What does a two ton capacity mean for our soil load?

MR. CALGI: It’s two tons per square foot. That’s the bearing capacity. Basically, it’s how much weight that soil will take and what has to be distributed. Right now the geotests, their engineer is recommending that probably typical square footings would be sufficient to spread the load out on the two ton soil. It’s good, it means that we don’t need piles unless the engineers find something we can’t see. But two ton bearing pressure, it’s sustainable as long as we have the right size square footings.

MR. SHARRIN: OK. I should probably start going on a diet now then before it is completed.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Dominic, there was no evidence of water?

MR. CALGI: There was ground water. Ground water was found between four feet and six feet at various borings. It’s hard to determine actual ground water because it was kind of a dry spell when he was doing it, but they put a monitoring well in Boring #6 (not that there were six borings, there were three, they just named them Boring 5, 6 and 7. ) So at Boring 6 there is a monitoring well that will be monitored. Right now, I think that after they put that in, the day after the water was still at four feet.

DR. VAN WYNEN: OK, and does that cause a problem, the four feet?

MR. CALGI: I don’t believe so. Depending upon when the building is actually constructed and the weather conditions, we may have a dewatering part of the project that has to be done while the contractor is putting in the concrete forms and it may require . . . Sometimes you get a lot of water, you dewater it and under the footings, they may require you to put in an extra six inches or eight inches of ¾ inch stone under the footing. So we’ll see what they come up with.

DR. VAN WYNEN: OK, thanks Dominic.

MR. SHARRIN: Anybody have any other questions? (Pause) Alright, thank you very much Dominic. We appreciate the report.

MR. CALGI: You’re welcome. Good night all.

Multiple voices thank Mr. Calgi.

MR. SHARRIN: OK, so next up . . . Is Paul Mays joining us?

MS. SCHATOFF: Paul Mays is not joining us, but the Ad Hoc Committee just met with him recently with updates. If the Committee is willing to report on the meeting that we just had with him or if we want to wait for Committee Reports, that’s fine as well.

MR. SHARRIN: Why don’t we do that now since we’re in his time, and he has about 5-10 minutes. So if you want to report on what happened at the meeting with Paul Mays, now is a good time to do it.
DR. VAN WYNEN: Bill, you can go ahead and give the report.

MR. MORRIS: Liz, that was the meeting I wasn’t able to attend, so you’re going to have to do that.

MS. SCHATOFF: So the Agenda from the meeting was we went over the Dominic’s updates, so that bisected both meetings. So the Committee had a very similar update from Paul regarding the borings and the hazmat reporting. There was a small update about the legal and referendum prep update. There are quite a few environmental review documents and information that is being collected together presented in order to be able to move ahead with the process. There was a brief update about that. Then there was a brief conversation in terms of timeline, wherein we’re still looking for a full report as to projected costs. Without that information, it’s very difficult to hypothesize a potential referendum date. Many things were held up, especially with this Covid and this state of emergency. So with regards to the timeline, at this point what appeared to be a very generous timeline in January has become a very tight deadline in order to even possibly be prepared for September. So that was a conversation that I thought was worth repeating in the context of this meeting to state that we’re on a very tight timeline at this point. So if things don’t progress appropriately with whatever holdups potentially may come up, we’re still not entirely sure what kind of timeline we looking for ultimately for our referendum date for the project.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Yes, and I’d like to add too, that the meeting that we had was a rather abbreviated meeting, but we did talk about the curbside parking as for returns of books. We talked about a couple of ideas as how we could best make that happen. And the one that, I believe it was myself suggested, was to see if we could utilize part of the Franklin Avenue School parking lot where our patrons could drive in between an apartment building and what used to be Tussie Muzzies, drive in, go into the parking lot, make a turn and as they are heading out, we would have a table with a tent over it so that we could have patrons deposit or give us somehow the books that need to be returned. We have a concern about that as far as getting them back into circulation as well as disinfecting them to some point so patrons will feel comfortable taking out those books. We also spoke about the timeline, and how important the timeline is to all of us so we can see at what point we are now and how things are pushing us away from a close timeline so to speak. And he was resigned to, as Eugenia mentioned, the weekly meetings with the attorney, which I think is very helpful, but there certainly seems to be a lot of work with regards to waiting for results. And as Dominic said tonight we’re waiting on several very important prebuilding kind of project that have to be done. That’s when I asked the question about now we’re going to have to spend another $70,000 on asbestos abatement. You know these things are going to keep adding up as well as causing contractors to be adjusted in the grand scheme of things. So I believe that was all that was covered and the fact that the pre-referendum, we’d like to do sooner rather than later, but nobody can tell us what the ballpark price is going to be for all of this. And now to hear the addition of another task of asbestos abatement for $70,000 . . . You know, we’re getting to the point where we really need to see some numbers to give us an idea of how this is going to hopefully work out for all of us, you know the patrons and for all of us as well. So that’s a very good presentation by Eugenia, and I just added a few comments for that meeting. And I get the sense; it always seems that we’re waiting for Paul to give us further information. And I guess it’s because all of this back and forth, and who can make phone call, who can make a Zoom or something that . . . I guess it’s not moving fast enough for us. You know so that we have the dollar figure.
MR. SHARRIN: Well unfortunately, we are in a pandemic, we did not plan for this. I don’t know if we were short sighted on that part. Somebody should have been thinking ahead of time. I make joke, but seriously, all this part of, I think, the regular thing. Coming up with the asbestos, you could almost predict this in a building this old that there might be something to look at. So there’s always going to be additional costs added in, and we’ll get those numbers as they come in. We’re moving in the right direction. We’re not moving as quickly as we want to. We’ve had roadblocks thrown up against us, but I think we’re still moving in a positive direction through a lot of time and effort. And, I think over time all this will come to fruition. So it’s just a matter of a lot of patience. So thank you for your presentation and thank you Eugenia.

So with that said, I’d like to move on to the Minutes. It was fun reading through the Minutes. If anybody did not know the history of what was going on, the change of our dates for the Budget Vote was a little humorous, knowing the background of it. We literally met just to change the date of the Budget Vote, only to change the date of the Budget Vote in the next Minutes. With that said, let’s take the Minutes one by one. The meeting of April 24: does anybody have any comments or corrections? This is the Policy Meeting Minutes and our first setting of our Budget Vote date. (Pause)
OK, if nobody has any comments or corrections on that one,

DR. VAN WYNEN: No comments.

MR. SHARRIN: What I want to do is just go through all of them and then make a vote, . . . well actually I can’t do that because we had different attendees at each one. So for this one I need to take a vote for this one from Liz, and Bill and Donna and myself. So if someone could make a motion?

DR. VAN WYNEN & MRS. WARREN: I’ll make a motion.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Donna seconds.

MR. SHARRIN: Liz motioned, Donna seconds?

DR. VAN WYNEN: Right.

MR. SHARRIN: All in favor of these minutes? Aye

MRS. WARREN, MR. MORRIS, DR. VAN WYNEN: Aye

MR. SHARRIN: OK, none opposed. For this next one, let me just make sure . . . where we all here for this next one? OK, so for the 27th, let’s go to the 27th. This is our regular board meeting. Does anybody have any corrections or comments on it?

DR. VAN WYNEN: No, nice job, Wendy. No.

MRS. WARREN: No

MR. MORRIS: I move that . . . you need a motion?
MR. SHARRIN: Yes, we do.

MR. MORRIS: OK, you have a motion.

MR. SHARRIN: I have a motion, do I have a second?

DR. VAN WYNEN: Second.

MR. SHARRIN: Liz seconded. All in favor? And Marie you can vote on this one.

All: Aye.

MR. SHARRIN: OK, any opposed? None. OK that passes. This last one, this is once again Marie was not at this one, so this is going to be Bill, Donna, Liz and myself. So this is our final change of dates to the current date of June 9th when our Budget Vote will be.

MRS. WARREN: Just a small correction on this one. Under New Business, the last line June 9 should have a comma, 2020. That’s it.

MR. MORRIS: No there’s one more. On the line above that it should say “tax levy vote” versus “taxy levy vote”

MRS. WARREN: Oh yeah, look at that.

MR. SHARRIN: OK and this is the May 5th Minutes. So if I could have a motion to correct the minutes as corrected?

MRS. WARREN: I’ll make a motion.

DR. VAN WYNEN: I’ll second.

MR. SHARRIN: OK, all in favor?

DR. VAN WYNEN, MRS. WARREN, MR. MORRIS: Aye.

MR. SHARRIN: Aye. Any opposed? Donna, you made the motion, Liz seconded?

MRS. WARREN: Yes.

MR. SHARRIN: OK and that takes care of the Minutes portion of our meeting. We’d like to move on the Treasurer’s Report. We don’t need a line by line reading of this, but just the highlights of the Treasurer’s Report that are important that we should make note of.

MS. PARVULESCU: Do you have any questions? If you don’t there is only one line that probably should be to your attention. It’s on electronic database subscription line. The Library spent $4,500. The payment was made May 7 and belongs to April period. It’s for services called Lynda.com that offers large numbers of online courses. The same thing for the next line. The
second quarter of 2020, the RCLS ANSWR fees, we spent $8,533.22. Also you don’t see it in the cash flow because the payment was done on May 7. Anyhow, on May 7, we paid $8,533.22 which is $4,317.02 less than the previous quarter.

MR. SHARRIN: OK, very good. So we had an increase for our electronic database which is just about offset by the savings in the ANSWR fees. That’s nice. I want to mention, I’ve used Lynda.com. It’s an excellent, excellent system for all of us. Anybody out there, as professionals, as hobbyists, their courses are excellent and to have this for use. If you had to pay, it could be $100 for a course so this is a tremendous for the community that the Library has signed up for this, for the training and education that you could get, especially since we’re all staying at home. So, it gives us something else to do. Thank you for your report, Magdalena. Next is the List of Warrants. Does anybody have any comments on the List of Warrants?

MR. SHARRIN: I want to mention, Bill, I believe you said you reviewed the Warrants?

MR. MORRIS: Yes, we tried the new procedure with Deb where she sent warrants. I reviewed the list and asked for documents on some of them. She responded back to me quickly, with scans of the documents that I needed to see.

MR. SHARRIN: OK, very good. So there are ways to do this then in these times without having to without having to be present.

MR. MORRIS: You have the assurance that we’re looking at it and doing our responsibilities on it.

MR. SHARRIN: I don’t think all the warrants are here. We just have the checks paid. If there are no questions,

MRS. WARREN: I have a couple of questions

MR. SHARRIN: OK, Donna and then Liz.

MRS. WARREN: I have two questions. On the first page, you have tech services for RS and Children’s, office equipment, computers, scanners from RBC Networks. I’m just curious, that’s not something that’s covered by RCLS?

MS. MCDERMOTT: No, that’s Bob Pandera. He’s the private tech person that we hired to fill in instead of RCLS. So wherever those computers aren’t covered, he’s helping us out. He’s connecting the computers to the different printers and the servers.

MR. SHARRIN: How are his rates compared to what RCLS charged us?

MS. PARVULESCU: It’s much cheaper, I believe.

MS. MCDERMOTT: Yes, and we only pay him when needed so it’s not a continual fee.

MS. SCHATOFF: He’s servicing the computers that we have that are not under RCLS contract.
MRS. WARREN: I understand.

DR. VAN WYNEN: How many computers is that?

MS. PARVULESCU: I believe five.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Five computers that is?

MS. MCDERMOTT: No.

MS. PARVULESCU: Mine is one, I’m not sure if yours is.

MS. MCDERMOTT: No, mine is not RCLS either. I don’t know, I’ll have to look into the number for you.

MS. PARVULESCU: At least five.

MS. SCHATOFF: I think it’s closer to 15, because at this point all of the public computers are being serviced by him.

MR. SHARRIN: So it’s all of them.

MR. MORRIS: This saves us money on the RCLS, because we were getting killed on their rates for having these computers under contract. We decided to move them, to give up their premium service to switch to the personal service of this gentleman.

MR. SHARRIN: So we don’t have travel fees, we don’t have a lot of add ons, rounding up and stuff. You had a second question, Donna?

MRS. WARREN: I did, yes.

MR. SHARRIN: You still have it?

MRS. WARREN: Yes, I do. On the third page, under Suffolk Cooperative Library System, it’s a 2020 GABS 45 Report for accounting for $1,850. I just want to know what that is.


MS. MCDERMOTT: It’s for the retirement report for the auditors. It’s not done every year. It’s done every two to three years. And we’re part of a big group, so we’re getting a discount rate actually on this.

MR. SHARRIN: So it averages out to about $600 per year, not $1,800 per year.

MRS. WARREN: So what did they review?

MS. MCDERMOTT: Retirement costs and expenses.
MRS. WARREN: OK

MR. MORRIS: To make sure we’re accounting for them appropriately?

MS. MCDERMOTT: Yes.

MRS. WARREN: Well that’s important. I just wasn’t clear; I’d never seen that before.

MR. MORRIS: We had it a couple of years ago also.

MR. SHARRIN: Yes, I think we had someone we were paying called the Great GASB.

MRS. WARREN: That’s cute.

MR. SHARRIN: Seriously, that was what they called themselves. It was a cute name. And Liz, I thought you had something?

DR. VAN WYNEN: I had the same question that Donna did. Like what the heck is this for? But I do have one other question. Right on the same page, about four down: Optimum? Two months of internet service?

MS. MCDERMOTT: Yes, I had a problem with the bank. They forgot that we were paying online and they shut down the online checking for a few days. So the payment got sent back and I had to do a double payment this month.

DR. VAN WYNEN: OK

MR. SHARRIN: Did we have to pay a penalty on that at all? Or did they forgive that penalty?

MS. MCDERMOTT: They charged us a penalty, but I spoke to the bank and they refunded us the $20.

MR. SHARRIN: OK, very good. Thank you. If there are no further questions, I guess, Bill, since you reviewed, you can make a motion.

MR. MORRIS: I make a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, the bills, the checks paid and everything else. I never know how to say that properly.

MR. SHARRIN: Marie, you want to second this one? Hello, Marie?

MR. MORRIS: We can’t hear you for some reason.

MRS. MANNING: Yes

MR. SHARRIN: I’m just asking if you want to second, because Donna and Liz have been on it, so I was trying to give you a chance to second the motion.

MRS. MANNING: I second it.
MR. SHARRIN: All in favor?

Ayes

MR. SHARRIN: OK, None opposed?

MR. MORRIS: (Holding up Approval Sheet) Do we have to get this back to you?

MR. SHARRIN: Yes, what you can do is sign that and if you can take a picture of it with your phone or if you have a scanner, you can scan it in.

MR. MORRIS: And send it to Deb?

MR. SHARRIN: Yes, Deb or Eugenia, I think. Or to Wendy.

MS. MCDERMOTT: To me yes, that’s fine.

MR. SHARRIN: OK, very good. Next item on the Agenda is the Statistical Report.

MRS. WARREN: I have one question if that’s OK. It looks like people are calling in, emailing, asking questions. I was just curious what generally people are asking. How are we helping them? For instance in Adult Reference, I just want a general idea of what going on.

MS. SCHATOFF: I would say one thing, that’s not surprising, is people are trying to make use of the online resources so a lot of people want that information. Also, because the budget postcard just came out, we had a lot of phone calls about people wanting to know when the budget vote is. Some people haven’t seen the postcard yet and so they’re looking for that information. The other thing that I shouldn’t be surprised at is that we’re still issuing new library cards every day. It’s people who had been lapsed users or expired users or never had a card. We’re literally issuing new library cards every day, and so in orienting somebody to having a brand new card for the first time, there’s stuff that goes into that.

MRS. WARREN: That’s great. Thank you.

DR. VAN WYNEN: I have a question. On the Adult Services statistics, the list of programs, they’re all virtual?

MS. SCHATOFF: Yes, we are doing all of our programming virtually right now?

DR. VAN WYNEN: And what is Drawing with Mick?

MS. SCHATOFF: Mick actually owns the tattoo parlor in town and he had started an online drawing class for children, and for some adults, children of all ages. I saw that he had quite a bit of a local following. So because of that we worked together to produce this class. When we were still allowed to social distance somewhat, he would come and record it in the building by himself. We would let him in and he would set up in a room and everything. When even that became limited, he started broadcasting it from his studio. It’s a really great collaboration. We
get shout outs online. When he’s promoting it, he states that it’s sponsored by us. What its produced, I can certainly share some photos with you guys. The drawings that are produced are beautiful. I think, Donna, wasn’t one of your kids doing it? He’s really a talented artist.

MRS. WARREN: Yes, extremely talented.

MS. SCHATOFF: So, I’m really proud that we were able to tap into local talent, that we were able to support this local business in such a way. It’s a hard time for everybody, especially small business owners right now. A lot of them don’t have safety nets. He’s not allowed to open his doors so he’s looking for alternate sources of income, and it worked out very auspiciously for all of us involved. It continues to be probably the single most popular program we offer right now.

MRS. WARREN: That’s amazing.

DR. VAN WYNEN: That’s great. That’s amazing. Is he giving us some Pearl River Library tattoos?

MS. SCHATOFF: Would you like one? Are you signing up, Liz?

DR. VAN WYNEN: I don’t know. That might be nice.

MR. MORRIS: Holds up letterhead with PRPL logo.

MR. SHARRIN: We can get the logo tattooed on us.

DR. VAN WYNEN: And, it would be interesting to see where you would pick Eric.

More laughter and jokes.

MR. SHARRIN: Any other questions on the statistical reports? Next is the Director’s Report.

MS. SCHATOFF: OK, we’ll make a motion later on, but we’re at that time of year where we have to approve the rental of the chiller. We were able to save some money, by not needing to start rental until June, but the time has come where we’re starting a phased reopening plan. We’re looking to be in the building again, and humidity is starting to grow. So that’s something that we need to vote on this evening.

I’d say it’s really a reflection of the times. I stated in my report how popular our Employee Assistance Program has become and how much use has been gotten out of it.

DR. VAN WYNEN: That’s wonderful.

MS. SCHATOFF: I agree with you, Liz. I think it’s wonderful that we offer it. This first quarter of use that we’ve had is the highest usage we’ve had ever. So, I think it’s just reflective what’s going on in the world and how people are reacting to it.

Something that I’ve been hard at work on, which isn’t complete yet, but will be complete within the next week or so, is I’ve written a very, very detailed reopening plan. We have a model from
our library system that we can base our reopening plan on; that we can borrow from and take from when appropriate, but also customize as needed. We’re going to have a very slow rollout. We are looking at starting to take back materials. Patrons will be able to return materials starting June 1 and then starting June 8th, we will have staff reporting at 50% of workforce capacity in the building. We’re not approved to have the public in the building at all. So there’s a lot of things that were kind of left hanging when we all had to vacate very suddenly, and now we can’t start trying to rebuild and get things back to normal. The key issue is we need to get the items back from patrons, and then we also need to get the items back from the courier service from RCLS because we have a lot of items that were in transit when we were all forced to close. That will take weeks coming back. We’ve also been advised that any items coming back in the building, we need to have a seven day quarantine period. So figuring out how we’re going to quarantining the items and the procedure and protocol for that is another piece of it.

MR. MORRIS: The seven days is being determined by whom?

MS. SCHATOFF: The seven days was actually determined by, it’s a combination of the recommendation of the library system and what we choose to do. It runs the gamut. Some places are doing up to 14 days, some are doing as little as three days.

MR. MORRIS: They’re saying it just a couple of days on surfaces. Why are we going crazy with this?

MS. SCHATOFF: The library system will not take any items unless they’ve been quarantined for seven days.

MR. SHARRIN: Extra precaution probably. You know, better safe than sorry type of thing.

MR. MORRIS: We want to be in line with the scientists on both sides.

MS. SCHATOFF: I agree. But you have to remember as well there’s a very strong . . . It’s a very fearful time, there’s a lot of conflicting information out there. People are very, very, very cautious, and so, I think that the real concern which I can very much understand is the exposure in even handling the items to return them, it exposes the staff member. So we wanted to avoid that altogether by just quarantining items.

DR. VAN WYSEN: When they receive the books back, they should, certainly the staff should, be wearing gloves.

MS. SCHATOFF: We’re mandated to where gloves within the building and PPE, and the masks.

MR. SHARRIN: PPE should be worn. Anyone have anything else to add?

DR. VAN WYSEN: I wanted to ask, with the return of books, are they bringing them into the library or are they depositing them in the drop off?

MS. SCHATOFF: No, what we are going to do is . . . The concern about the book drop as well is that there is no way to fully disinfect the book drop, because you never know when something else, contaminated potentially, is going back into the book drop. The idea was
initially (and we’ll see how it goes, because we’re not even sure at what rate we will receive items) we will have cardboard boxes outside; labelled book drop with a slot in the top; people will put it inside. We’ll bring them in when they’re full and just put them aside to quarantine. Then we’ll see how that goes. This is all a process. Nobody has the answer. Nobody has a successful model that we can copy right now. It’s much easier to ease restrictions than to try to tighten up after some sort of tragedy. So that’s the road that we’re taking.

MR. MORRIS: Can you say what phase we’re in of the phased reopening plan?

MS. SCHATOFF: Technically, we are a government entity because we are a school district public library. Technically, at this point, we could be open for curbside, but there are a lot of mandates with curbside, that I’m not sure how we would manage. We really need to start taking returns, we need to process the items in the bins that we have in the building already. Then we’re going to tackle how we can manage curbside in the best manner possible. With the curbside, the recommendations and the amount of paperwork and declarations that our institution has to submit is really daunting. There’s a lot of guidelines, like temperature taking and employee monitoring and things like that. There’s a lot of things we have to have in place to even be able to offer curbside so that is the next thing that we’re going to be trying to figure out.

MRS. WARREN: Wait. Eugenia, are we going to be doing temperature checks?

MS. SCHATOFF: No we have our health disclaimer. I put it in my Director’s Report that staff, when they are punching in, they will be indicating their responses to the key questions. We will have thermometers available in the building so that if anybody feels they’re unwell or feels the need to take their temperature, they will be able to, but at this time, we are not going to be taking temperatures. There’s a lot of contradictory information out there. A lot of libraries are really discussing a lot of different things, but there are no real answers. We have to blindly figure our way.

MR. SHARRIN: Follow the science. Follow the people who have studied this and have the degrees as opposed to the other people who like to give their opinions. That’s my recommendation.

MS. SCHATOFF: An example would be some libraries want to require antibody testing and they want to pay for antibody for their staff. I’m not sure practically what purpose that would serve to us since there is chance of reinfection. We couldn’t discriminate and not allow people to come in if they hadn’t been tested. There’s a lot of HR and discrimination issues that are involved in all of this as well.

MRS. WARREN: Yes, but I just want to ask here. There are a lot of companies doing temperature checks with, not thermometers, but what is the machine that . . .

MR. SHARRIN: They’re thermometers.

DR. VAN WYNE: Not those mercury ones, not those with glass
MRS. WARREN: It’s like a laser and it take your head temperature. I don’t know that that’s a bad idea. It kind of worries me that we’re just going by what somebody says walking in the door.

MR. SHARRIN: Temporal scanner. It’s called a temporal scanner, by the way.

MRS. WARREN: OK, whatever. I mean why wouldn’t we consider that?

MS. SCHATOFF: So we’re going to pay for an outside company that’s certifies by the Department of Health?

MRS. WARREN: No, no. It’s no big deal, you just (motions to her head)

MR. MORRIS: You don’t need an outside company certified by the Department of Health.

MS. SCHATOFF: Well you have to talk about the list of responsible parties. Either have a staff person volunteer to do it. I’m not sure I would want to put that responsibility on a staff person.

DR. VAN WYNEN: It’s very simple to do and if the person taking the temperature has their mask on and has gloves and doesn’t have to touch the head of somebody and has to just be within a few inches to within a foot away, not even a foot, (it depends on your machine) away from the forehead. A couple of people should be trained. I mean I’m sure they’re doing it at home. I don’t see the need to have to hire somebody to do it.

MR. MORRIS: No.

MS. SCHATOFF: Well, the temperature checks, they’re not definitive either. They’ve shown that certain people are asymptomatic. They’ve shown that some people have temperatures who don’t have it. So then the protocol is if someone has a temperature you send them home until they produce a doctor’s note?

MR. MORRIS: But, Eugenia, the idea is to reduce risk. You’re not going to know 100% on anything so if you exclude people who have a temperature above

MRS. WARREN: a fever

MR. MORRIS: above 100.4, then you’ve reduce your risk. Yes, there are asymptomatic . . .

MS. SCHATOFF: But that’s part of the questionnaire that’s required. County employees have to answer the same question or questions when they’re punching in for their shift.

MRS. WARREN: But you’re relying on somebody just telling you the truth. I mean I hate to say it that, but you’re just relying on somebody telling you the truth or not, depending on you don’t know what’s going on at home, do they really need to be working; do they need to be pushing themselves; or they’ve had enough and they have to be out of the house. There could be a lot of things that we’re not considering here. I honestly don’t think it’s a big deal.
MS. SCHATOFF: My question is: If that’s sufficient for county employees, why is that insufficient for us?

MRS. WARREN: If it is sufficient or not? I don’t understand the question. Say it again.

MS. SCHATOFF: It is sufficient for county employees to answer the questionnaire questions. There are certain county employees that answer these questions. The questions were put together by the Rockland County Department of Health. So if that self-assessment questionnaire is sufficient for certain branches of the local government, why is that insufficient for us?

DR. VAN WYNEN: Who says it’s insufficient for us?

MS. SCHATOFF: Well you’re saying you want me to take people’s temperatures.

MR. SHARRIN: In other words, what Eugenia is saying is the county says if you just ask somebody a question as opposed to having to take a temperature and that’s enough.

MRS. WARREN: I guess, I’m just, I’m looking to protect the library.

MR. SHARRIN: Well you’re being overcautious, just like the seven day book quarantine.

MRS. WARREN: Not just the employees, but should we have an outbreak again, think about what we would have to go through. I’m saying it seems like a small thing to ask when, potentially, we could have another problem and then what? We shut down again and go through . . .

MR. SHARRIN: Right.

MS. SCHATOFF: If you feel that strongly about it, I can certainly send out an email. It has to be purely voluntary.

MR. SHARRIN: If I may since we . . . I’m just keeping an eye on the time. It’s 15 minutes we’re discussing this, and she’s only through the first quarter, not even a quarter, half a page of her three page Director’s report.

MRS. WARREN: I get it, Eric, but it’s important, it’s kind of important.

MR. SHARRIN: I understand. What I was going to recommend is that maybe we have this go into a committee. Have an Ad Hoc Committee if we have to just to review these things. I want to move the meeting along, but I don’t want these questions not to be followed up on, but we can’t get them all answered, especially since we are still in the process of creating it. All your input has been fantastic though.

MRS. WARREN: I understand. Eric, I get it. All we have to do first though is see if I’m the only one who feels this way. Because there’s enough of us. If we’re all feeling similarly, that’s one thing and we should be talking about it. If we’re not and it’s just me then we should move on.
DR. VAN WYNEN: I feel similar to you, Donna. As an extra precaution . . .

MR. SHARRIN: A temporal thermometer costs maybe $40-$70. To have somebody, have a face mask, not just the regular mask, but they have the plastic face masks now, which are starting to become, if you’ve been doing any of the reading, that may be an additional thing they’d like people to wear. So you’ve got the mask, and a face mask, and gloves. I went to my doctor’s office and before I walked in, the lady was like this (gesturing) and she stood three and a half, four feet away from me and was able to read my temperature before she let me in the door.

DR. VAN WYNEN: It depends on the model that you purchase.

MR. SHARRIN: Right, that’s why I said $70. The point is to move this meeting along, I have under New Business to create an Ad Hoc Committee just to review this. This might even go under policy. What I’m saying is, this has all been a fantastic discussion, but we need to get past having a committee meeting at this point and move along with the Agenda and move along with the Director’s Report. We can follow this up at the end where we can decide where we can put this so it can be followed up with. Thank you and thank you for your input. It’s all very good. It’s very helpful and it expresses our concerns.

MR. MORRIS: When are we talking about potentially starting curbside service?

MS. SCHATOFF: The earliest, I believe, hypothetically we could start would be July 1.

MR. MORRIS: Ok, so we have a little bit of time to work out the details.

MS. SCHATOFF: No, we have staff reporting already in the building. So if this is something that you’re going to mandate, then it’s something you need to mandate. The only other thing I would add is that from a Personnel perspective, who is it? If it’s not voluntary, I mean, you can’t mandate somebody do it. You have no cause.

MR. SHARRIN: Right, once again, we trying to go back into how do we decide this. I don’t know that we can decide this right now at this meeting, because we are still developing it, but I think there should be a follow up with the Policy Committee meeting.

MS. SCHATOFF: I understand, but my concern is I have people coming into the building tomorrow and so they’re following the current guidelines that I have, but I’m being told that those guidelines are insufficient. So before somebody comes in the building tomorrow, if it’s that much of a concern, I’ll buy a thermometer. Do you get what I’m saying? We have staff, people reporting every day. So if it is something that is that immediate then it really needs to be decided ASAP.

MR. MORRIS: How are they reporting now? I thought that we were having one person in the building at a time.

MS. SCHATOFF: No we started easing up, we are having some overlap. They follow these guidelines. People are viewing the PPE webinars. They are answering these questions. They are following the guidelines as to what to do in the building. So that had already been sent out to everybody. These are the rules that everybody’s following.
MR. SHARRIN: You have people separated into teams.

MS. SCHATOFF: Yes.

DR. VAN WYNEN: How many people are coming in on a daily basis now?

MS. SCHATOFF: Minimum of two.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Maximum of what?

MS. SCHATOFF: Well at this point, we could have up to maybe four or five.

MR. SHARRIN: OK, there will be plenty of social distance. People will be able to be far enough away from each other and not on top of each other. Alright, so the question then that you still have open is what to do about the temporal thermometer, how to handle it. If nobody volunteers, my personal opinion is that the county requirements should be good enough. If nobody is stepping up to volunteer, I don’t think we need to hire an outside organization to do this. If somebody does volunteer, it doesn’t hurt to have a temporal thermometer or two in the building.

MS. SCHATOFF: We already have them.

MR. SHARRIN: If you already have them purchased, that’s great, and if somebody’s willing to do that, I think that would be great to have somebody. But I don’t think it makes sense to hire an outside organization, if we can’t get an inside person volunteering. To start putting that kind of expense on the library, when it’s not required of the county or other government organizations. If we can do it, and we can do it with... This is my opinion, of course. There are four other people on the board. So I just want to offer that up. If we can get a volunteer, I think that’s great that somebody could do that, that’s an easy one. If nobody does want to step up and volunteer, I don’t know that we should start hiring a firm to sit there as people come in and out at whatever rates they are.

DR. VAN WYNEN: I would just say a comment about that. Perhaps we could have the thermometer on a case or in a case on a shelf by where they check in and self-report. Do it themselves, and if it is above 100.4, then they have to report it to their supervisor.

MS. SCHATOFF: And that was in the plan. We have purchased thermometers. We are going to have people self-reporting and taking their temperatures.

MR. SHARRIN: OK, make sure they are wearing gloves when they take their temperatures so you’ll have to buy an ample number of gloves in different sizes, small, medium, large, extra-large, because, as I found out, a medium will not fit our hand if your hand is large. It will just fall apart, and something to big may not work either so make sure before they touch that thermometer, they are wearing gloves. And you have to wipe the thermometer off after they use it so you have to have precautions for the use of the thermometer. So if we can move on from that, do we have a resolve on that?
MS. SCHATOFF: So for tomorrow, I just sent out an email inquiring if anybody wants to volunteer to take the temperatures. Until the committee meets, is the self-reporting sufficient?

MR. SHARRIN: You have five people coming in. I want to just stop and point that out to everybody. Bill, you had something?

MS. SCHATOFF: For now? Until the committee meets?

MR. MORRIS: If that’s the established policy. We can institute a more stringent policy after some reflection and discussion.

MR. SHARRIN: OK. Donna how do you feel?

MRS. WARREN: Yeah, from what you were saying, you were planning on having them do it themselves already, right?

MS. SCHATOFF: We were going to have two different thermometers available at two different points in the building, and have people do self temperature checks.

MR. SHARRIN: Marie?

MRS. WARREN: You know I’m happy, I’m sorry, Eric, just a second, I’m just happy that people will be doing it. It’s a second precaution. That’s all I want to see. I think that sometime people don’t know or think about it in the same way and don’t necessarily know.

MR. SHARRIN: OK, Marie, any thoughts?

MRS. MANNING: I don’t know if I trust that kind of assistance of the people who are doing the reporting. How does it actually work for everybody?

DR. VAN WYNEN: You hold the device . . . Betsy, are you there? Can you please go get me the thermometer? Can Katie get it? It’s extremely simple. My grandchild is . . .

MR. SHARRIN: So simple a child could do it. Somebody, get me a child because I can’t figure it out . . . Groucho Marx.

DR. VAN WYNEN: In a minute, we’ll have it. Just bear with me. In the meanwhile, continue on while I wait for the delivery.

MR. SHARRIN: Ok so we’ve got the rest of that. Eugenia, if you want to continue on?

MS. SCHATOFF: Yes. Lot’s of great stuff from lots of patrons, lots of great children’s programs. Circulation has been busy at work, we’ve added a lot move video and YouTube, the Learning Lab has finally started offering classes which John is very excited to be able to do. The Digital Statistical Report continues to be increasingly popular, more and more busy, more and more usage. For example, Lynda.com which you provided such a sterling recommendation about Eric. We didn’t even have a full month of use and we already had 25 patrons sign up for it and use it with 139 different videos viewed. I think that’s really neat and show that we’re being
successful in changing the format and the types of materials and services that we offer while our physical location is closed.

MR. SHARRIN: What I’m looking at is those Facebook numbers. That’s tremendous; 16,595 engaged users. Multiply that by 50; you’ve got 800,000 engaged users for the year. And look at the number of people who had content displayed on their page. It’s 124,000 people. I don’t know over what period of time that is, but multiple that and you’re looking at a million different pages that have stuff, although it could be the same 124,000. But still that’s huge. There’s 17,000 people in our district as patrons and this is just going beyond what we have as our patron list.

Liz, do you have the thermometer?

DR. VAN WYNEN: I have the thermometer. It’s all one piece. All you do is . . . this is the little infrared dot. It goes to your forehead, and it’s 98.6.

MR. SHARRIN: They were looking for me, when they were taking my temperature, I think they wanted me to be below 100.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Well 98.6 fortunately is the official measurement for being normal. Anything above is a fever. But the CDC has set 100.4 as a caution.

MR. SHARRIN: Because it could be off. I get my temperature taken. It’s consistently at 97.6.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Well let me check, Eric. I’m going to check you right now. (Liz holds thermometer up to her monitor screen.)

MR. SHARRIN: There you go. (Eric leans close to his monitor screen.)

DR. VAN WYNEN: Oh my goodness, you’re 105. That means you better get somebody to take you away. So it’s a very simple device; very simple to use, OK?

MR. MORRIS: Just don’t confuse that with a taser. That’s all.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Oh, let me get my other one out.

MR. SHARRIN: Very good.

MRS. MANNING Double duty.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Yes.

MR. MORRIS: Make sure you press the right button.

DR. VAN WYNEN: That’s right.

MR. SHARRIN: The only thing I notice with your report, Eugenia, was on that very last page there is a point where the ampersand is actually spelled out. It’s the second line. It has an
ampersand and the letters amp and a semicolon afterwards, so it actually took what the coding is behind the scenes and actually spelled it out.

MR. MORRIS: We’ll have to put the coders from the Learning Lab on that.

MR. SHARRIN: That’s right.

MRS. WARREN: Can I just ask a quick question to Eugenia? On the last page, you talk about Page Turner Adventures which is offering programming every day for kids. But what kind of programming? I don’t know what that is.

MS. SCHATOFF: Hold on one second, let me pull it up. It’s primarily video based, so there’s a lot of different types of videos that can be watched. It was also the tie in to the Summer Reading Program. We were looking for an additional platform to be able to offer stuff during Summer Reading Program, since Summer Reading Program is going to be so low-key this year.

MRS. WARREN: Is it like games then? Games that they can do? I’m just trying to understand it. I think that whatever we can offer is positive.

MS. SCHATOFF: Monday is show day, so Monday is virtual comedy theater show for 45-60 minutes; Tuesday is project day, craft videos, games, recipes, science experiments and other activities. That’s for 30 minutes. Then Wednesday is author and illustrator day. They do fun interviews and activities with authors and illustrators. They have readalongs, activities, trivia and book giveaways.

MRS. WARREN: OK

MR. MORRIS: Is this the Valley Education Partnership thing?

MR. SHARRIN: There’s a website, PageTurnerAdventures.com that you can go to and take a look at what they have.

MRS. WARREN: Sounds good. Thank you.

MS. SCHATOFF: We were looking when we knew that we weren’t going to have all the programs that we were planning on offering when we were going to be open in person. We knew that we weren’t going to spend all of the money that we had initially planned to spend on the programs and events for the summer with the performers. So we made the decision to have some supplemental digital content, supplemental digital programs for us in addition to all the unique content that we’re producing.

MRS. WARREN: Great, thank you.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Eugenia, I’d like to give you a shout out and say this was a very good idea that you offered under the Youth Services, the $25 Sorrento’s gift certificates. I think that’s really nice because they had a terrible fire and they lost their business for a while and now they’re coming back into business. So I think it was very nice that the Library selected Sorrento’s for their gift certificate.
MS. SCHATOFF: Thank you, thank you. We knew that. It was recommended by a community member and it was something that we thought was a good idea. We had to rethink a lot of things. The Children’s Department had to completely rethink the way they were intending to do the Summer Reading Program, and so that was one of the ways in which they changed things up. Instead of the movie tickets and the other things they were offering, they decided to go that avenue instead. We’re very pleased, but thank you.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Thank you and kudos to everybody there. In your report, you didn’t mention, and I’m concerned to find out how did it go with the employees that were being laid off and furloughed and all of that. How did that process go?

MS. SCHATOFF: That process, it was obviously very difficult. I tried to be as transparent as possible in giving them the timeline as decisions were being made and as things were occurring. There were a couple of staff meetings leading up to ultimate end of work date for the majority of the part time staff. It was difficult. I know that, we work with lovely people, so that were a lot of lovely communications and sentiments shared by lot of the staff and many are hoping to return. I think that right now, it’s very difficult to predict if and when we’ll return to full capacity. I think that’s something that’s very difficult for all of us to try to anticipate.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Thank you. I know that must have been an extremely difficult situation to go through.

MS. SCHATOFF: It definitely was. It’s one of those scenarios where it would have been very easy to send an email and then you don’t have to see anybody because the library is closed anyway. But I felt that it was important to really talk to people face to face so we quite a few staff meetings via Google chat where we were discussing it and I think that as much as people could possibly, they certainly appreciated that tack.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Well thank you for your kind effort in doing that. I think that’s one of the worst jobs an administrator can have, but you did a fine way of doing it, and I appreciate that. I think that’s very good. Thank you.

MRS. WARREN: Thank you.

MR. SHARRIN: Thank you. Is there anything else in the Director’s Report?

MS. SCHATOFF: I’m good, unless anybody has any questions.

MR. SHARRIN: Any other questions about the Director’s Report?

MR. MORRIS: No I just think it’s great, the discussion of all the programs and what you guys are doing. I think it’s wonderful.

MS. SCHATOFF: Thank you, and more than any other library. You see what the rest of them are offering, you can’t compare.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Yeah, no. That’s very good.
MR. SHARRIN: So moving along, Old Business? Any Old Business? Committee Reports? We have Building and Grounds; were there any meetings of Building and Grounds? Anything about Policy? Anything from Finance?

DR. VAN WYNEN: Well, I think we’ve done all of our reporting within the other things we just went through.

MR. SHARRIN: Right, right, just going through it. Personnel? OK. After the Personnel Committee that brings us to Personnel. Anything that we can talk about Personnel? OK so New Business? So first is the Resolution. I’d like to make a motion to for the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Pearl River Public Library approves the expenditure $44,606 for the rental of a chiller unit from Trane Inc. for a period of four months.

And this is for our air conditioner. Anybody second this motion?

MRS. WARREN: I’ll second.

MR. SHARRIN: I have three seconds. I think Liz made it by a milisecond. I was watching. Liz had her hand up first.

MRS. WARREN: That’s fine.

MR. SHARRIN: Bill thirded and Donna fourthed. OK. All in favor?

VOICES: Aye.

MR. SHARRIN: Everybody’s in favor, none opposed, and the resolution passes. I have one more New Business item that I wrote down. We can do this one of two ways: we can put this to the Policy Committee or we can put this to the Ad Hoc Committee. Eugenia, this is just if you’d like somebody to take a look at your Policies and the Guidelines that you’re putting in place and adding for the opening.

MS. SCHATOFF: Oh, definitely. I think that probably the Policy Committee because they have a standing meeting anyway so I think we could bang through it.

DR. VAN WYNEN: That’s agreeable to me. You too, Donna?

MRS. WARREN: Yes, that’s fine.

MR. SHARRIN: Very good. I just wanted to follow up with that. I said I would and I thought that this was a perfect place to do that. This way we can get through that. Really, it was a tremendous amount to fit in.

MS. COURTNEY: Are you scheduling a meeting at this time?

MS. SCHATOFF: We have a standing meeting on Fridays at 11:00 AM.
MR. SHARRIN: OK. Do you stand up or is it really a sitting meeting? Let me move on. OK, so that’s our New Business. Any Correspondence?

MS. SCHATOFF: Yes, I have Correspondence. I have to share it with you because it was wonderful. To Librarians and people, staff, board members and people who are bringing the free books. (The gentleman left this outside the library where currently we have the free books for people to take.) Thank you so much for supplying and managing the free books. This brings a wonderful feeling of normalcy during these crazy times. Thank you all so much. How nice to do something other than shopping or walking. George

SEVERAL VOICES: Very nice. That was nice.

DR. VAN WYNEN: How is that going? Are a lot of books going out?

MS. SCHATOFF: Oh, so many are going. We are slowly emptying everything from our book sale as well. That stuff has been out there for quite a while and people just keep taking and taking and taking and taking.

DR. VAN WYNEN: That’s great.

MRS. MANNING Do we have a number each time you put books out, the free books?

MS. SCHATOFF: Do we count how many books it is? Is that the question? No, we do not. I would say it’s got to be over a thousand at this point.

MRS. MANNING I’m glad to see them going.

MS. SCHATOFF: Absolutely.

MR. SHARRIN: All right, very good. Thank you for that. And next is the Executive Session. We need to discuss . .

DR. VAN WYNEN: Public Comments. Public comments first.

MR. SHARRIN: Yes, Public Comments. Thank you. I skipped right past that.

MS. SCHATOFF: So the questions and answer ability for members of the public who are participating if anybody has any questions or comments about the budget or meeting.

MR. SHARRIN: Anything that we’ve discussed?

DR. VAN WYNEN: How many people do we have logged on?

MS. SCHATOFF: So currently, we have three. At the peak of the meeting, we had five.

MR. SHARRIN: Any questions? Comments?

MS. SCHATOFF: OK, I think we’re good.
MR. SHARRIN: OK. We’d like to go into Executive Session and this is to discuss contract?

MS. SCHATOFF: Union contract negotiations.

DM & MS. PARVULESCU: Good night, good bye.

MR. SHARRIN: Wendy, you’re on mute.

MS. COURTNEY: Motion, second, vote:

MR. MORRIS: I make the motion.

MR. SHARRIN: So who made the motion? Bill. Who seconded the motion?

MRS. WARREN: I second.

MR. SHARRIN: All in favor?

SEVERAL VOICES: Aye

MR. SHARRIN: Any opposed? OK, time is 8:43PM.

MS. COURTNEY: Thank you.

MR. SHARRIN: You’re welcome.

MS. SCHATOFF: At this time, we are going to ask that all members of the public leave so that we can go into Executive Session.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Thank you for participating. Thank you for coming.

MS. SCHATOFF: Yes, absolutely thank you.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MR. SHARRIN: If everybody wants to go home, I’d like a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MRS. WARREN: I’ll make a motion.

MR. MORRIS: I’ll second it.

MR. SHARRIN: All in favor. We all want to go home. Our next meeting is Monday, June 22, at 7:15 PM, where we will read the results of our Budget Vote and find out if Donna has been reelected.

MS. SCHATOFF: I’ll text you guys that night. I’m being deputized.
MR. MORRIS: Do they expect to finish the counting that night?

MS. SCHATOFF: Oh my gosh, we can’t start counting until 5PM.

MS. COURTNEY: You’re kidding.

MS. SCHATOFF: No, because up until 5PM, you can receive ballots and the attorneys say you can’t even start counting until 5PM.

MS. COURTNEY: Are they going to provide you with strong coffee?

MS. SCHATOFF: Oh probably. And we have to maintain social distancing and there’s three different teams that are all going to be counting the votes because they want to confirm that all the numbers match up.

DR. VAN WYNEN: Is Wendy going with you?

MS. SCHATOFF: Yes

DR. VAN WYNEN: So you’ll have two people.

More post adjournment chat.