

Hamilton Township Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes of the Meeting held on January 25, 2021 5:00 p.m. This meeting is taking place via a remote telephone service and all meetings of this group will be audio recorded.

Members Present: Mr. Santamaria, Ms. DeAngelo, Mr. Kovacs, Ms. Rogers, Ms. Bradley, Mr. Gedeika, Ms. Tonti, and Library Director, Mr. Chianese

Members Absent: Mr. Atkin

Swearing-in of new member: Iris Tonti, appointed by the Mayor, and approved by the Township Council as of January 19, 2021, was duly sworn in by Alison Sabo, Deputy Municipal Clerk, who administered the oath of office.

Nomination of new officers:

Len Santamaria was nominated by Ms. DeAngelo for the position of president. There were no additional nominations.

Toni DeAngelo was nominated by Mr. Santamaria for the position of vice president. There were no additional nominations.

Renee Rogers was nominated by Mr. Santamaria for the position of secretary. There were no additional nominations.

Election of the slate of nominees, all running unopposed, was approved enthusiastically, by acclamation.

Recognition and thanks were extended by all to the outgoing secretary, Mr. Kovacs, for his years of dedication and service.

Review and Consideration of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board:

Approval of the December 28, 2020 minutes were moved by Ms. Rogers, seconded by Ms. DeAngelo.

Voting Yea: Ms. Bradley, Ms. DeAngelo, Mr. Gedeika, Mr. Kovacs, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Santamaria

Abstained: Ms. Tonti

Absent: Mr. Atkin

Consideration of the Treasurer's Report:

Approval of the January 2021 Treasurer's Report was moved by Mr. Kovacs, seconded by Ms. DeAngelo.

Voting Yea: Ms. Bradley, Ms. DeAngelo, Mr. Gedeika, Mr. Kovacs, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Santamaria, Ms. Tonti

Absent: Mr. Atkin

Consideration of the Library Bill List:

Approval of the January 2021 Bill List was moved by Mr. Santamaria and seconded by Mr. Kovacs.

Voting Yea: Ms. Bradley, Ms. DeAngelo, Mr. Gedeika, Mr. Kovacs, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Santamaria, Ms. Tonti

Absent: Mr. Atkin

Director's Report:

Hoopla - We are prepared to begin offering the "hoopla" digital

streaming service to our patrons, starting Monday, February 1st. Year one funding from CARES Act monies.

Thermal Camera Installation - A thermographic camera is to be installed near the front entryway to check the temperature of patrons entering the library. Purchase was covered by the CARES Act funding along with other cameras in the township offices.

Donation on Behalf of Marilyn Jose - We received another donation in memory of our dear friend and colleague. From Patricia Pavlak of the NJ Library Trustees Association. Scott sent a letter of acknowledgement and thanks, which was read at the meeting.

2020 Annual Report - Scott will email to the board for review, and submit the report to the Township.

Curbside Specials - We continue to offer a variety of special curbside offerings geared towards our younger patrons. Mitten and snowflake craft will be distributed via curbside pickup on 1/26/21; Valentine's Day craft will be available on 2/9/21.

Letter to Incoming State Librarian - At the director's request, our Board President wrote a letter welcoming the newly appointed New Jersey State Librarian, Jennifer R. Nelson. The letter was read aloud at the meeting by Mr. Santamaria.

Old Business: (none)

New Business:

Consideration and approval of Resolution 21-001: Adoption of a temporary budget for the Free Public Library of Hamilton, until which time a full permanent budget can be determined and fixed. Moved by Mr. Kovacs, seconded by Ms. Rogers.

Voting Yea: Ms. Bradley, Ms. DeAngelo, Mr. Gedeika, Mr. Kovacs, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Santamaria, Ms. Tonti

Absent: Mr. Atkin

Consideration and approval of Resolution 21-002: Resolution for a change to Library Board of Trustees By-laws in regard to Section II (Officers) as was sent to the Board on January 4th, 2021 for review and comment. Moved by Mr. Santamaria, seconded by Mr. Kovacs.

Voting Yea: Ms. Bradley, Ms. DeAngelo, Mr. Gedeika, Mr. Kovacs, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Santamaria, Ms. Tonti

Absent: Mr. Atkin

Public Comment: No members of the public came forward to comment.

Adjournment of the meeting: Hearing no more business before the Board, Ms. DeAngelo moved to close the meeting at 5:47 PM. The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Rogers
Secretary