

Hamilton Township Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, September 27, 2021 5:00 p.m. This public meeting is taking place in Room 2 at the Hamilton Free Public Library. All meetings of this group will be audio recorded.

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

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo

Public Comment:

Rodney Richards - Friends of the Library

Would like the fully approved by-laws to appear on the website after legal review and adoption by the Board.

Review and Consideration of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board: Approval of the August 23, 2021 minutes were moved by Mr. Kovacs, seconded by Ms. Tonti.

Voting Yea: Mr. Santamaria, Ms. Tonti, Mr. Atkin, Mr. Gedeika, Mr. Kovacs

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo

Members Abstaining: Ms. Bradley, Ms. Rogers

Consideration of the Treasurer's Report: Approval of the September 2021 Treasurer's Report was moved by Mr. Kovacs, seconded by Ms. Bradley.

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

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo

Consideration of the Library Bill List:

Approval of the September 2021 Bill List was moved by Mr. Kovacs, seconded by Ms. Rogers.

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

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo

Director's Report:

- Covid Vaccine Clinic
- New Pest Control Company
- Donation - The Library recently received a \$1,000 donation.
- Amazon Employment - A representative from Amazon spent several days on site explaining employment opportunities to library visitors.
- The Scarecrow Contest Returns - The Libraries (Semi) Annual Scarecrow building contest will return on Saturday, October 2nd from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Will be up for the month of October as

decoration in front of the library.

Old Business:

By-Laws Review: Ms. Rogers moved to approve the first reading of the draft by-laws revision, and forward the by-laws to the Township attorney for review. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kovacs. Mr. Atkin has comments including punctuation and language changes. Mr. Kovacs complimented the committee on an outstanding job.

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

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo

New Business:

Resolution 21-014 Amendment of Policies: Meeting Rooms

The board discussed and considered the merits of the remaining pandemic-related restrictions on meeting room use. Mr. Santamaria noted the current transmission rate, that MCLS and Princeton Public Libraries are not at this time opening their meeting rooms for public use. Ms. Bradley noted that case numbers have stabilized but not decreased. Mr. Atkin noted that Mercer County's fully vaccinated percentage rate has fallen next to the bottom of that of its five adjacent neighboring counties. The resolution was moved by Ms. Bradley, and seconded by Mr. Kovacs.

Voting Yea: none

Voting Nay: Mr. Santamaria, Ms. Tonti, Mr. Atkin, Ms. Bradley, Mr. Gedeika, Mr. Kovacs, Ms. Rogers

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo

Motion fails and will be revisited next month

Adjournment of the meeting:

Hearing no more business, Ms. Tonti moved to adjourn the meeting. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Rogers

Secretary