

Hamilton Township Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, October 25, 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. DeAngelo, Ms. Tonti, Mr. Atkin, Ms. Bradley, Mr. Gedeika, Mr. Kovacs, Ms. Rogers, and Library Director, Mr. Chianese

Members Absent: none

Review and Consideration of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board: Approval of the September 27, 2021 minutes were moved by Mr. Kovacs and seconded by Ms. Bradley.

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

Voting Nay: none

Members Absent: none

Members Abstaining: Ms. DeAngelo

Motion passes by a vote of seven to none, with one abstention.

Consideration of the Treasurer's Report: Approval of the October 2021 Treasurer's Report was moved by Ms. DeAngelo and seconded by Mr. Kovacs.

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

Voting Nay: none

Members Absent: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion passes unanimously.

Consideration of the Library Bill List:

Approval of the October 2021 Bill List was moved by Ms. Tonti and seconded by Ms. Rogers.

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

Voting Nay: none

Members Absent: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion passes unanimously.

Director's Report:

Mr. Chianese reported on recent and upcoming library activities and events, including:

Art Donation

Donations to McGuire Air Force Base

Oktoberfest

Scarecrow Contest Results

Children's Specials

Upcoming Holiday Event(s) - tentatively scheduled

Committee Reports:

(see Old Business)

Old Business:

By-Laws Review: Comments were received back from the Township's attorney, and will be incorporated into the by-laws, as appropriate.

A motion to table the by-laws approval was made by Mr. Kovacs and seconded by Ms. Tonti.

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

Voting Nay: none

Members Absent: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion passes unanimously.

Public Comment:

Darrell Vigh

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library are sponsoring holiday carolers and decorations, and would like to use a meeting room in case of inclement weather for the event.

Rodney Richards

Yardville

Mr. Richards questioned the status of the meeting room policies and reopening.

Old Business (cont'd):

Resolution 21-014 Amendment of Policies: Meeting Rooms (Reconsideration)

The board discussed and considered the merits of the remaining pandemic-related restrictions on meeting room use.

The resolution was moved by Mr. Kovacs and seconded by Ms. Tonti seconded by

Voting Yea: none

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

Members Absent: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion fails, with a vote of zero to eight.

New Business:

Motion to approve the one-time use of a meeting room on December 17,

2021, in the specific case of inclement weather, to allow the completion of an outside program by the Old Town Carolers program, sponsored by the Hamilton Township Friends of the Library.

The motion was moved by Ms. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Kovacs

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

Voting Nay: Mr. Santamaria

Members Absent: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion passes, with a vote of seven to one.

Adjournment of the meeting:

Hearing no more business, Mr. King moved to adjourn the meeting. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, November 22, 2021, at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Rogers

Secretary