

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

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo, Ms. Tonti

Review and Consideration of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board: Approval of the November 27, 2021 minutes were moved by Ms. Rogers and seconded by Mr. Gedeika.

Voting Yea: Mr. Santamaria, Mr. Gedeika, Mr. Atkin

Voting Nay: none

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo, Ms. Tonti

Members Abstaining: Ms. Bradley and Ms. Rogers

Motion passes by a vote of three to none, with two abstentions.

Consideration of the Treasurer's Report: Approval of the December 2021 Treasurer's Report was moved by Ms. Bradley and seconded by Ms. Rogers.

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

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo, Ms. Tonti

Voting Nay: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion passes unanimously.

Consideration of the Library Bill List:

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

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

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo, Ms. Tonti

Voting Nay: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion passes unanimously.

Director's Report:

Mr. Chianese reported on recent and upcoming library activities and events.

Old Business:

By-Laws Review: Comments from the Township's attorney were incorporated into the by-laws. Mr. Atkin requested changes to the language for consistency. Mr. Atkin and Ms. Rogers will meet to address the necessary changes.

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

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

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo, Ms. Tonti

Voting Nay: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion passes unanimously.

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. Santamaria and seconded by Ms. Rogers.

Voting Yea: none

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

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo, Ms. Tonti

Members Abstaining: none

Motion fails, with a vote of zero to five.

Mr. Santamaria reminded the Board that the Township's mandatory online training should be completed by December 31, 2021.

New Business:

Resolution 21-016 to commend and congratulate Sandy DiPierro on her retirement after 35 years of service she devoted to the Library and the people of Hamilton Township. The full resolution and framed commendation was read aloud by Mr. Santamaria.

The motion was moved by Ms. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Bradley

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

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo, Ms. Tonti

Voting Nay: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion passes unanimously.

Resolution 21-017 to commend and congratulate Mr. King Kovacs for his service to the Library and the Township of Hamilton, to deem Mr. King Kovacs a permanent resident of the community, and thereby entitle him to all associated library privileges, and, with regret and thanks for his service, to accept the termination of his tenure from the Board.

The motion was moved by Ms. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Santamaria

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

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo, Ms. Tonti

Voting Nay: none

Members Abstaining: none
Motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Atkin requested a copy of the signed Resolution 21-017, when available.

Resolution 21-018 for the appointment of a part-time library assistant.

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

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

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo, Ms. Tonti

Voting Nay: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion passes unanimously.

Resolution 21-019 for the appointment of a full time library assistant.

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

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

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo, Ms. Tonti

Voting Nay: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion passes unanimously.

Public Comment:

none

Other Business:

Ms. Rogers thanked Mr. Chianese and the Friends of the Library for bringing Operation Allies Welcome to the attention of the Board. In response to the call for donations, Steinert High School students organized a book drive, collecting and donating over 1,000 children's books to the effort.

Mr. Santamaria commended the Friends of the Library for the holiday caroling program, and encouraged the Friends to reprise the program next year.

Mr. Santamaria thanked Mr. Atkin for his contributions and vigilant attention to detail to the work of the Board and the revision of the by-laws.

Mr. Chianese noted that the Board should keep an eye on emails as the conditions of the pandemic are again rapidly developing.

Adjournment of the meeting:

Hearing no more business, Ms. Bradley moved to adjourn the meeting at

6:02 pm. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, January 24, 2021, at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Rogers
Secretary