

Hamilton Township Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, January 24, 2022 5:00 p.m. This public meeting is taking place via Zoom video conference. All meetings of this group will be audio recorded.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Gedeika

Swearing in of re-appointed members: Mr. Leonard Santamaria and Ms. Toni DeAngelo were reappointed to the Board of Trustees by the Mayor, and duly sworn in.

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

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

Members Absent: Mr. Gedeika

Voting Nay: none

Members Abstaining: Ms. Tonti and Ms. DeAngelo

Motion passes

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration the proposed By-Laws revisions: Approval of the By-Laws of The Trustees of The Free Public Library of The Township of Hamilton, as revised, was moved by Ms. Tonti and seconded by Ms. DeAngelo. Thanks to the committee and Mr. Atkin for his review were shared by Ms. Rogers, Mr. Santamaria, and Ms. DeAngelo.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Gedeika

Voting Nay: none

Motion passes

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. It was noted that libraries in the County continue to operate with closed meeting rooms, and that Mercer County Library System has moved back to curbside service in light of the pandemic. The Township offices are currently operating with a mandatory mask policy.

The resolution to remove the temporary restrictions on meeting room use was previously moved by Mr. Santamaria and seconded by Ms. Rogers, and remains on the table.

Voting Yea: none

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

Members Absent: Mr. Gedeika

Motion fails, with a vote of zero to six.

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION

Nomination and Election of New Officers for the Board of Trustees

Mr. Santamaria was nominated for the office of President by Ms. DeAngelo, and seconded by Ms. Tonti.

Ms. DeAngelo was nominated for the office of Vice President by Mr. Santamaria, and seconded by Ms. Rogers.

Ms. DeAngelo was nominated for the office of Treasurer by Ms. Tonti, and seconded by Mr. Santamaria.

Ms. Rogers was nominated for the office of Secretary by Ms. DeAngelo, and seconded by Ms. Tonti.

The unopposed slate of nominees was elected by Acclamation.

RETURN TO MONTHLY AGENDA

Consideration of the Treasurer's Report: Approval of the January 2022 Treasurer's Report was moved by Ms. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Bradley.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Gedeika

Voting Nay: none

Motion passes

Consideration of the Library Bill List: Approval of the January 2022 Bill List was moved by Mr. Santamaria, and seconded by Ms. DeAngelo

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

Members Absent: Mr. Gedeika

Voting Nay: none

Motion passes

Director's Report:

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

- 2021 Annual Report, to be presented under New Business
- 2022 Temporary Budget, to be discussed under New Business
- annual indoor Spring events have not been scheduled in light of the ongoing, pandemic-related meeting room closures

NEW BUSINESS

Final review and consideration of the Memorandum, "Continued recommendations for public and employee health and safety during this

continued COVID Pandemic," dated January 18, 2022, from the Board to the Library Director. Approval of the memorandum was moved by Ms. Bradley, seconded by Ms. DeAngelo.

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

Voting Present: Mr. Atkin

Members Absent: Mr. Gedeika

Voting Nay: none

Motion passes with 5 in favor, 1 present, and 1 absent

Resolution 22-001, Adoption of the Temporary Budget for 2022 was moved by Ms. Rogers, and seconded by Ms. DeAngelo.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Gedeika

Voting Nay: none

Motion passes

Presentation of the 2021 Annual Library Report to the Township / Mayor. Mr. Chianese presented copies of the 2021 Annual Report to the Board, noting that additional print copies are available in the Library, and that the report is posted publicly on the Library website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Hearing no more business, Ms. Tonti moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 pm. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Rogers

Secretary