

Hamilton Township Free Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, October 24, 2022 5:00 p.m. in Room 2 of the Library. This public meeting is taking place in accordance with the NJ Open Public Meetings Act. All meetings of this group will be audio recorded.

Members Present: Mr. Atkin, Mr. Cimino, Mr. Gedeika, Ms. Kerlin, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Santamaria, and Library Director, Mr. Chianese

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo and Ms. Tonti

MONTHLY AGENDA ITEMS

Review and Consideration of the minutes of the September 26, 2022 regular meeting of the Board: Approval of the September 26, 2022 minutes were moved by Mr. Cimino and seconded by Mr. Gedeika. Mr. Chianese noted several necessary edits, with the amended minutes moved by Mr. Cimino and seconded by Ms. Rogers.

Voting Yea: Mr. Atkin, Mr. Cimino, Mr. Gedeika, Ms. Kerlin, Ms. Rogers

Voting Nay: none

Abstain: Mr. Santamaria

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo and Ms. Tonti

Motion passes

Consideration of the Treasurer's Report: Approval of the October 2022 Treasurer's Report was moved by Ms. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Cimino.

Voting Yea: Mr. Atkin, Mr. Cimino, Mr. Gedeika, Ms. Kerlin, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Santamaria

Voting Nay: none

Abstain: none

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo and Ms. Tonti

Motion passes

Consideration of the Library Bill List: Approval of the October 2022 Bill List was moved by Mr. Cimino, and seconded by Ms. Rogers.

Voting Yea: Mr. Atkin, Mr. Cimino, Mr. Gedeika, Ms. Kerlin, Ms. Rogers, Mr. Santamaria

Voting Nay: none

Abstain: none

Members Absent: Ms. DeAngelo and Ms. Tonti

Motion passes

Director's Report:

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

- Thanks to the Friends of the library for sponsoring the Fall Festival
- The Hamilton Historical Collection
- Fine Free Policy Pilot Program
- Monthly book displays

- Need for a new/updated scanner for staff sign in/out
- Upcoming Programs:
 - Fraud Prevention Workshop - Tuesday, October 25 th at 6:30 p.m.
 - CPR & Choking Training by Emergency Education and Development, LLC - Monday, November 14 th at 6:30 p.m., sponsored by the Friends of the Library

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Santamaria introduced a discussion item regarding the need to clarify the Library's policies for handling book and materials challenges. After discussion, the Board will reconvene the recent ad hoc policy review committee, with a charge to review other relevant library policies, the school district policies, and relevant (NJLA, NJLTA, and ALA) guidelines to develop and present new policy language at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board continues to revisit the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on library operations each month, reviewing local data, and the most recent guidance from the CDC and local authorities. Items discussed included current CDC guidelines, and the current Community Level for Mercer County (i.e., "Low"). No motion was proposed or brought to the floor.

Mr. Santamaria updated the Board on a new bill in the NJ Assembly regarding "sensitive places" where guns and weapons may be restricted. General discussion followed. No motion was proposed or brought to the floor.

Mr. Santamaria shared information about a community fundraising project at Allentown Public Library. General discussion regarding fundraising followed. No motion was brought to the floor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was given by:

Darrell Vigh
15 Benson Lane

PUBLIC COMMENT (CON'T)

Rodney Richards
4 Village Drive

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Hearing no more business, Ms. Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, November 28, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Rogers
Secretary