

**MINUTES  
OF THE EDISON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2021**

Present: Patricia Massey, Fiona Meade, Lisa Krauze, Sue Cason O'Neill, David Ye, Jyothi Pamidimukkala, Tony DePasquale

Absent: Neville Arestani, Mohin Patel

Also Present: Dominick Bratti (Board Attorney), Allan Kleiman (Library Director), Debra Sarr (Assistant Director)

The President called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. She led the Salute to the Flag and read the Open Public Meetings statement; roll call was taken.

On motion and second (O'Neill, DePasquale), the minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2021 were approved. Roll call vote: yes – Massey, Meade, O'Neill, Ye, Pamidimukkala, DePasquale, Krauze; absent – Arestani, Patel

President's Report:

Ms. Massey said it was a great, busy month. She attended a few meetings including: Mentor NJ, Intellectual Freedom Fighters, the November Trustee Check-in which was really interesting, with a focus on going fine free. She also attended the LJ Design Institute.

Ms. Massey, Allan, Councilwoman Ship-Freeman, and Debra met with New Jersey State Librarian Jennifer Nelson. Ms. Nelson is visiting libraries to find out about towns, she was able to learn more about Edison and the library's history during her visit.

There is no information on the Library Construction Bond Act Grant as it needs to be approved by the legislature.

Ms. Massey attended the Library's holiday party. It was excellent. It was great to see so many staff.

Financial Report:

No questions regarding reports.

Mr. Kleiman reminded the Board there will be one more report that contains the lines created by the Township.

Ms. Meade raised a question regarding the format of the Balance Sheet. Mr. Kleiman noted that the Edmund's Balance Sheet is not formatting correctly and he will be discussing the issue with the accountant.

Mr. Ye raised a question about the township reimbursement check.

On motion and second (Krauze, Pamidimukkala) the bill list was approved. Roll call vote: yes- Meade, Krauze, O'Neill, Ye, Pamidimukkala, DePasquale, Massey; absent: Arestani, Patel.

#### Director's Report:

Mr. Kleiman noted that he and Ms. Massey are often at the same events and he feels like this is great because it gives two perspectives.

Mr. Kleiman said the Library's Staff Development Day was very successful. Non-MLS staff were treated to speakers that would normally be speaking at NJLA. Alan and Leslie Burger spoke about Edison Speaks.

Two long holiday weekends are coming up for Christmas weekend and New Year's weekend.

The library has some vacancies that it hopes to fill in 2022 and administration is working on a reorganization plan to align the library with the forthcoming Strategic Plan.

The Adult Services Supervisor Debra Truppo will be retiring at the end of January 2022.

The Library Construction Bond Act recommendations are still moving through the legislature.

#### Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning Committee met on November 17, 2021.

The Policies Committee met regarding two policies:

On motion and second (Massey, DePasquale), the Security Camera Policy was approved. Roll call vote: yes- Meade, Krauze, O'Neill, Ye, DePasquale, Pamidimukkala, Massey; absent: Arestani, Patel

Ms. Massey read a Resolution to establish Edison Public Library as a fine-free library beginning on January 1, 2022. The resolution further resolves that all past fines will be eliminated. The policy on lost and damaged books will remain in effect.

On motion and second (Massey, Krauze), the Edison Public Library resolution to become fine-free was approved. Roll call vote: yes – Meade, Krauze, O'Neill, Ye, Pamidimukkala, DePasqual, Massey; absent: Arestani, Patel

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Public Comments:

None

Announcements:

None

The next regular meeting is in-person on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers. The Board wished everyone a Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

On motion and second (O'Neill, Krauze) the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.