

MINUTES OF THE EDISON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2022

Present: Patricia Massey, Lisa Krauze, Fiona Meade, Sue Cason O'Neill, Jyothi Pamidimukkala, Ray Alcantara

Absent: Tony DePasquale (excused), Joseph Romano (excused), Neville Arestani (unexcused)

Also Present: Dominick Bratti (Board Attorney), Allan Kleiman (Library Director), Debra Sarr (Assistant Director), Margot Harris (Council Liaison) Amanda Coyle (Administrative Operations Manager)

The President called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. She led the Salute to the Flag and the Open Public Meetings statement was read; roll call was taken.

President's Report:

Ms. Massey welcomed Ms. Harris as the new council liaison. Ms. Massey shared that the mayor announced today that his administration will not pursue relocating the Clara Barton Branch Library.

Public Comments:

Ms. Massey opened the floor for public comment.

Statements from the public were made expressing gratitude towards the board that the Clara Barton Branch would remain open in its current location. Comments were also made emphasizing the importance of community.

Ms. Massey thanked everyone for their comments.

Closed Session:

Ms. Massey put forth a resolution to go into closed session to discuss potential litigation. On motion and second (Meade, O'Neill) closed session was entered at 7:16 PM.

Motion to return to open session was issued and seconded (Meade, Krauze) at 8:13 PM.

On motion and second (Krauze, O'Neill) the Library Director issuing an RFP for accounting services for 2023 was approved. Roll call vote: yes- Krauze, O'Neill,

Meade, Pamidimukkala, Alcantara, Massey; absent- : Arestani, DePasquale, Romano

On motion and second (Krauze, O'Neill) the Library Director issuing an RFP for auditing services for 2023 was approved. Roll call vote: yes- Krauze, O'Neill, Meade, Pamidimukkala, Alcantara, Massey; absent- : Arestani, DePasquale, Romano

On motion and second (O'Neill, Meade) the Library Director issuing an RFP for banking services for 2023 was approved. Roll call vote: yes- Krauze, O'Neill, Meade, Pamidimukkala, Alcantara, Massey; absent- : Arestani, DePasquale, Romano

Financial Reports:

No questions were raised regarding the financial reports.

Mr. Kleiman answered questions regarding the bill list.

On motion and second (O'Neill, Meade); the bill list of December 31, 2022 with a grand total of \$128,638.40 and with an amended description of line item 23 was approved. Roll call vote: yes- Krauze, O'Neill, Meade, Pamidimukkala, Alcantara, Massey; absent- : Arestani, DePasquale, Romano

On motion and second (Krauze, O'Neill) the temporary budget for 2023 was approved. Roll call vote: yes- Krauze, O'Neill, Meade, Pamidimukkala, Alcantara, Massey; absent- : Arestani, DePasquale, Romano

North Edison Branch Construction Project:

Questions were raised on how many hours would be required for the professional contract for interior design and placement services. Looking into a possible construction manager for the North Edison Branch construction project was also discussed.

On motion and second (Krauze, Alcantara) tabling the selection of the professional contract for interior design and placement services until next meeting was approved. Roll call vote: yes- Krauze, O'Neill, Meade, Pamidimukkala, Alcantara, Massey; absent- : Arestani, DePasquale, Romano

On motion and second (Krauze, Meade) authority for the director and president to enter negotiations for potential lease space was approved. Roll call vote: yes-

Krauze, O'Neill, Meade, Pamidimukkala, Alcantara, Massey; absent- : Arestani, DePasquale, Romano

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Announcements:

Board members expressed their appreciation to the public for their support.

On motion and second (Krauze, Meade) the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.