

West Nyack Free Library

MINUTES: Meeting of the Board of Trustees

DATE: September 12, 2016

PRESENT: Lorette Adams, Frank Alkin, Melissa DeNicola, Raymond Kosinski, Kurt Mohr,
Eugenia Schatoff

ABSENT: NONE

- I. Call to Order – K. Mohr called meeting to order at 7:48 P.M.
- II. Minutes – L. Adams moved to accept the minutes of July 25, 2014; seconded by F. Alkin; passes unanimously.
- III. Financial Reports
 - A. 2016 Income and Expenses through August 2016 – The reports were received.
 - B. Bank Account Analysis through August 2016 – The reports were received.
 - C. Approval of Checks and Warrants through August 2016 – R. Kosinski moved to approve the expenditures; seconded by L. Adams; passed unanimously.
- IV. Committee Assignments and Reports
 - A. Buildings and Grounds
 1. Circulation desk update: F. Alkin. reported that the company who made the desk has agreed to bring in their own installer at no cost to the Library.
 2. Wall above adult Fiction needs to be repaired. Remediation to fix wall. Bids are going out to fix areas of concern.
 3. Painting for back wall of Adult Section, bids going out.
 4. Eugenia S. reported that the Library has received a grant for improving the lighting in the hall and above the computer area, as well as improving the heating in the lobby area.
 - B. Planning
 1. Eugenia S. reported on the survey that the response was good with 101 respondents. The survey will be evaluated and used to help make decisions on programming, tech, and to re-evaluate contents of materials. This will help improve and serve the needs of the community.
 - C. Public Relations
 1. The Family garage sale is set to take place on Saturday, September 17th. There are approximately 30 spots already sold for this event.
 - D. Finance

1. The 2018 budget has been set and will be presented to tax payers in December. The budget shows a 2% increase. L Adams. made a motion on the resolution of the Tax cap override, seconded by Ray K. – motion passed unanimously. (See attached copy of Tax Cap Override)
- E. Administration
 1. The Conflict of Interest Policy was approved, motion to approve was made by R Kosinski., second by F.Alkin. – passes unanimously.
- V. Directors Report – The Directors Report for August 2016 was received.
Action Items:
 1. ASCAP Plowing and Landscaping new contract. Frank A. reported 3 rd year at no increase for either. Ask that ASCAP not plow over fence and that they use red markers. R Kosinski. made a motion to accept contract L. Adams. 2nd, motion carried.
 2. A motion was made by L. Adams to go into Executive Session, seconded by K. Mohr.
 3. A motion was made by L. Adams to come out of Executive Session
- VI. Unfinished Business
 1. Reconfirm Piano applications
 2. Reconfirm Mary McCarthy Community Room Application for Art Work.
 3. A motion was made by R. Kosinski, seconded by L. Adams to accept the Insurance policy for Umbrella and Commercial renewal for no significant change to coverage, or significant cost increase – motion passed unanimously.
- VII. New Business
 1. 2017 RCLS Operating Budget, a motion was made to accept by L. Adams. and seconded by R. Kosinski. – motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. Trustee’s Comments – None
- IX. Adjournment – L. Adams. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by K. Mohr. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Melissa A. Sorce-DeNicola
Recording Secretary

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Resolution #1

Whereas, the adoption of this 2018 budget for the West Nyack Free Library requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the West Nyack Free Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2018 by at least sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on September 21, 2015.

Resolution #2

Whereas, the NYS Tax Cap Legislation was not signed into law until June 24, 2011 and;

Whereas, information on the tax cap for the West Nyack Free Library will not be available until mid-2017 and;

Whereas, the tax cap limit assigned to the West Nyack Free Library may not be 2% but more or less and;

Whereas, the established voting date for the West Nyack Free Library's 2018 budget is December 14, 2016 and;

Whereas, the West Nyack Free Library is a Free Association Library and;

The Board of Trustees of the West Nyack Free Library must submit their budget information for their vote in December 2016 in September and;

Whereas, in the absence of specific guidelines the Board of Trustees chose to voluntarily adhere to a 2% tax cap on the 2018 budget and;

Whereas, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously in September 2015 for said budget and;

The Board of Trustees of the West Nyack Free Library hereby votes to exercise the clause in the NYS Comptrollers Implementation Guide permitting the override of the tax levy limit for 2018 should the tax cap limit assigned to the West Nyack Free Library be less than 2%.