

**WEST NYACK FREE LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**September 12, 2022**  
**Minutes – DRAFT**

Minutes: Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Date: September 12, 2022

Present: Frank Alkin, Lorette Adams, Kurt Mohr, Cynthia Sheridan, Chris Maloney, Steven Schmelkin, Justin Baker, Ilene Weitzner, Dina Rosco, Jennifer Visione

Absent: None

- I. **Call to Order:** K. Mohr called the meeting to order at 7:25.
- II. **Minutes:** July 11, 2022; C. Maloney moved to accept the minutes of July 11, 2022; F. Alkin seconded the motion; passed unanimously.
- III. **Financial Reports:** presentation by Treasurer L. Adams
  - A. 2022 Income and Expenses through August 2022
  - B. Bank Account Analysis through August 2022
  - C. Approval of checks and warrants through August 2022: I. Weitzner moved to approve the expenditures; J. Baker seconded the motion; passed unanimously.
- IV. **Committee Assignments and Reports**
  - A. Building and Grounds –
    1. Snow: F. Alkin made a motion to accept the \$4,000 proposal from Ascape Landscaping for snow removal for the season, Dec. 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. C. Maloney seconded the motion; passed unanimously.
    2. Landscape Maintenance: F. Alkin made a motion to sign the \$500 contract with Ascape Landscaping for landscape design which will be applied toward the project if we move ahead. C. Maloney seconded the motion; passed unanimously.
  - B. Planning – None
  - C. Public Relations –
    1. Autumn Newsletter was sent out to Clarkstown residents.
    2. West Nyack Free Library will be represented at the Heritage Festival On Sunday, October 16, 2022.

D. Finance-

1. L. Adams prepared the 2024 budget. C. Sheridan made a motion to approve the 2024 budget. C. Maloney seconded the motion; passed unanimously. The budget meeting will be held at West Nyack Library this year on Dec. 7, 2022. The Vote will be on Dec. 14, 2022.

2. S. Schmelkin made a motion to approve Budget Resolution #1. F. Alkin seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

*Whereas, the adoption of this 2024 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 2024 by at least sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on September 21, 2015.*

3. S. Schmelkin made a motion to approve Budget Resolution #2. F. Alkin seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

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-2023 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 2024 budget is December 14, 2022 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 2022 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 2024 budget and;

Whereas, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously in September 2022 for said budget and;

clause The Board of Trustees of the West Nyack Free Library hereby votes to exercise the  
in the NYS Comptrollers Implementation Guide permitting the override of the tax levy  
limit for 2024 should the tax cap limit assigned to the West Nyack Free Library be less  
than 2%.

4. L. Adams moved to renew our yearly contract with Berard and Associates for our annual audit. The fee for this year is \$11,600. J. Baker seconded the motion; passed unanimously.
1. The Board discussed the RCLS ILS Agreement and the RCLS IT Services Contract. L. Adams made a motion to accept the Fully Supported Library model. C. Maloney seconded the motion; passed unanimously.
2. Discussion of Google / RCLS for library accounts.

#### F. Administration –

1. Notary: L. Adams made a motion to reconfirm the vote previously taken to update the rotary Public policy for WNFL. J. Baker seconded the motion; passed unanimously.
2. L. Adams moved to accept with regrets the resignation of Yixsi Echavarria as of October 1, 2022. F. Alkin seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

#### V. New Business-

1. At 8:30 C. Maloney made a motion to enter executive session.
2. At 8: 47 C. Maloney made a motion to exit executive session.

VI. Adjournment: I. Weitzner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; meeting was adjourned at 8:48.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ilene Weitzner