

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HALF HOLLOW HILLS COMMUNITY LIBRARY HELD ON APRIL 24, 2023, AT DIX HILLS.

1. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Gordon, the meeting was called to order by Library Board President, Jacob Goldman, at 6:31PM. Also present were Board Members, Larry Bloomstein, Maxine Cohen, Bruce Gordon, and Wayne Griffith.
2. Also present were Charlene Muhr, Assistant Library Director, Michele Peluso, Business Manager, and Rosemarie Menta, Clerk of the Board of Trustees. Anne Votta, Substitute Clerk of the Board of Trustees, was absent with prior notice.
3. Also present were Margie Hartough, Sharron McDevitt, Erik Schmid, and Laura McKinley as guests/staff members.
4. Also present was Special Council Anthony J. Fasano, from Guercio & Guercio, LLP.
5. Also present was MaryEllen Kenny as guest, who shared her thoughts regarding the library.
6. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, the Board of Trustees entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 6:39PM and then went into Special Executive Session at 7:09PM.
7. Andrew Martingale, Library Attorney, from Quatela Chimeri PLLC entered the Special Executive Session with Anthony J. Fasano, Special Council, from Guercio & Guercio, LLP at 7:09PM.
8. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, the Board of Trustees reconvened into Open Session at 9:17PM.
9. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mr. Griffith, the minutes of the Special Emergency Board Meeting on March 16, 2023, were approved.
10. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mr. Griffith, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 27, 2023, were approved.
11. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mr. Griffith, the minutes of the Public Information Meeting on March 27, 2023, were approved.
12. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mr. Griffith, the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on April 3, 2023, were approved.

13. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mr. Griffith, the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on April 12, 2023, were approved.
14. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mr. Gordon, the Board of Trustees hereby rescinds resolutions #26 and #27 from the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 27, 2023.
15. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mr. Gordon, the revised minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 27, 2023, were approved.
16. Upon a motion by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Bloomstein, the Board of Trustees hereby administratively reassigns the employee named in Confidential Schedule "A" to home with pay pending an investigation.
17. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Gordon, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the retainer with Sokoloff Stern dated April 24, 2023, to conduct an investigation and hereby authorizes the President to sign the retainer.
18. Upon a motion by Mrs. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Griffith, Abstract No. 1176, in the amount of \$9,614.03, was ratified.
19. Upon a motion by Mrs. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Griffith, Abstract No. 1177, in the amount of \$126,336.32, was approved.
20. Upon a motion by Mrs. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Griffith, Abstract No. 1178, in the amount of \$46,153.99, was approved.
21. Upon a motion by Mrs. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Griffith, Abstract No. 1179, in the amount of \$125,406.76, was approved.
22. Upon a motion by Mrs. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Griffith, Abstract No. 1180, in the amount of \$32,614.80, was approved.
23. Upon a motion by Mrs. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Payroll Warrant No. 1526, dated 4/6/23 in the amount of \$166,573.72 was ratified. (Mr. Gordon abstained).
24. Upon a motion by Mrs. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Payroll Warrant No. 1527, dated 4/20/23 in the amount of \$145,247.67 was ratified. (Mr. Gordon abstained).
25. Michele Peluso, Business Manager, discussed financial reports.
26. The Board of Trustees discussed the Public Service Desk Hold Shelf.

27. The Board of Trustees discussed the Third Floor Railing.
28. The Board of Trustees discussed DEI Training.
29. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, the Board of Trustees authorized the increase of salary of the Election Workers for the Annual Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election from \$14.00/hr. to \$15.00/hr., and to increase the flat bonus for the Chairperson of the Election Workers from \$20.00 to \$25.00, consistent with the Half Hollow Hills School District.
30. Upon a motion by Mrs. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Bloomstein, the Board of Trustees authorized the purchase of a one-year membership to the Library Speakers Consortium at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00.
31. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Gordon, the Board of Trustees discussed hosting author, Geraldine Brooks, for an end of Summer Experience Event at a cost not to exceed \$13,000.00, and voted against this resolution.
32. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Gordon, the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of replacement Aeolus Merv 15 air filters at a cost not to exceed \$5,500.00, excluding freight charges.
33. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, the Board of Trustees approved a new annual landscaping contract with Wade Associates, Inc., for Dix Hills and Melville locations, excluding chemicals, at a cost not to exceed \$13,800.00.
34. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Bloomstein, the Board of Trustees approved the hiring of Project Manager, Dorian De Laurentiis, from Calgi Construction Company, Inc., to assist with building closeouts at a cost not to exceed \$8,400.00.
35. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Bloomstein, the Board of Trustees approved the revised March Personnel Report. (Mr. Gordon abstained.)
36. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Bloomstein, the Board of Trustees approved the April Personnel Report. (Mr. Gordon abstained.)
37. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, the Board of Trustees entered Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 10:10PM.
38. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Gordon, the Board of Trustees reconvened into Open Session at 10:33PM.

39. Upon a motion by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Menta
Clerk of the Board of Trustees

Larry Bloomstein
Secretary