

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HALF HOLLOW HILLS COMMUNITY LIBRARY HELD ON JANUARY 21, 2025, AT DIX HILLS.

1. The meeting was called to order by Library Board President, Gregory Laub, at 6:30PM. Also present were Board Members, Wayne Griffith, and Joyce E. Bush. Board Members, Jacob Goldman, and Larry Bloomstein were absent with prior notice.
2. Also present were Library Director, Margaret Hartough, Assistant Library Director, Christopher DeCristofaro, Business Manager, Michele Peluso, and the Clerk of the Board of Trustees, Rosemarie Menta.
3. There were no guests.
4. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
5. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Bush, the Agenda was Adopted as amended.
6. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Griffith, Abstract No. 1271, in the amount of \$12,361.55, was ratified.
7. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Griffith, Abstract No. 1272, in the amount of \$62,203.45, was approved.
8. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Griffith, Abstract No. 1273, in the amount of \$131,986.64, as approved.
9. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Griffith, Abstract No. 1274, in the amount of \$139,264.89, was approved.
10. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Griffith, Abstract No. 1275, in the amount of \$29,873.70, was approved.
11. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Bush, the Payroll Warrant No. 1570, dated 12/12/24 in the amount of \$189,510.46 was ratified.
12. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Bush, the Payroll Warrant No. 1571, dated 12/26/24 in the amount of \$158,633.33 was ratified.
13. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Bush, the Payroll Warrant No. 1572, dated 1/09/25 in the amount of \$158,620.68 was ratified.

14. Business Manager, Michele Peluso, discussed financial reports.
15. The Board of Trustees discussed Claims Auditor and there will be no further action.
16. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board of Trustees authorized the increase of salary of the Election Workers for the Annual Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election from \$16.00/hr. to \$16.50/hr., and to keep the flat bonus for the Chairperson of the Election Workers at \$25.00, consistent with the Half Hollow Hills School District.
17. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Bush, the Board of Trustees approved the attendance of three (3) Staff Members and/or Trustees at the ALA Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA from Thursday, June 26, 2025 – Monday, June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$3,200.00 per person.
18. Board Member, Jacob Goldman, arrived at 7:05PM.
19. Library Director, Margie Hartough, shared her Monthly Report.
20. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Goldman, the minutes of the Special Emergency Board Meeting on November 25, 2024, were approved (Mr. Griffith abstained)
21. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Goldman, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on December 16, 2024, were approved. (Mr. Laub abstained)
22. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Goldman, the minutes of the Special Budget Work Session on January 6, 2025, were approved. (Mr. Griffith abstained)
23. The Board of Trustees reviewed the Departmental Monthly Reports and Departmental Monthly Statistics.
24. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Bush, the Board of Trustees approved the January Personnel Report.
25. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Bush, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Menta  
Clerk of the Board of Trustees

Wayne Griffith  
Secretary

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