# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the

# PORT JEFFERSON FREE LIBRARY held December 15, 2014 7:00 PM

100 Thompson Street Port Jefferson, NY 11777

# Present

Laura Hill-Timpanaro President
John Grossman Vice President
Tracy Stapleton Secretary
Harriet Z. Martin Financial Officer

Lisa M. Ballou Trustee
Christian Neubert Trustee
Susan Prechtl-Loper Trustee
Robert Goykin Director

Patricia Wojcik Business Manager Valerie Schwarz Secretary to the Board

#### I. Call to Order

L. Timpanaro called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

# II. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to accept the December 15 agenda.(Martin;Prechtl-Loper) Unanimously approved.

## III. A. Comments from the Public

None present

## III. B. Comments from the Board

J. Grossman commented that he is disappointed that Brookhaven Town pulled the plug on the Village's Harborfront. acquisition plan.

## IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes for the November 24, 2014 Library Board Meeting.(Grossman; Prechtl-Loper) Motion approved.

## V. Financial Reports

- A. Business Manager's Report to Treasurer given by P. Wojcik.
- B. Comparative Statements of Expenses & Revenue for the month's ending were reviewed.
- C. Expenses at a glance for the November meeting were reviewed.
  - 1. Motion to accept the November 7, 2014 (\$10,976.97) November 21, 2014 (\$48,899.82) FAO Warrants. (Martin; Grossman) Unanimously approved.
  - 2. Motion to accept the November 7, 2014 (\$48,392.44) November 21, 2014 (\$48,985.31) Payroll Warrants. (Martin; Stapleton) Unanimously approved.
  - 3. Motion to accept the December 15, 2014 (\$351,783.24) Warrant. (Martin; Grossman) Unanimously approved.

# VI. Library Reports

# A. Director's Report

Director reported the following items:

- The Director discussed the writing a policy on the procedures for creating policies.
- The Director discussed the recent successful Dickens' festival and the Library's participation in the event.
- The Director noted the chart in his report highlighting the Library's collaboration with the local schools.
- The Director mentioned that the board will have to vote on the e-rate filing tonight.

#### Personnel

No personnel changes to note for the month of November.

#### VII. Unfinished Business

#### VIII. New Business

# A. Policy Committee Report

L. Ballou stated that the Policy Committee will submit a report at the January meeting.

### **B. Board Officer Nominations**

The Board agreed that the slate of Officers will remain the same for the 2015 Calendar year.

# C. Preliminary Budget Discussion

The Board would like to see a few budget scenarios which includes a 0% and a 1.5% budget spreadsheet. They would like to see the line for Professional Fees increased. They would also like the Director to obtain prices on a Library's website redesign.

# D. e-rate filing

Motion to authorize the Director to appoint SCLS to act as our agent for e-rate filing. (Stapleton; Prechtl-Loper) Unanimously approved.

# IX. Correspondence and Communications

# X. Comments from the Public

None present.

At 8:11 PM, there was a motion to move the meeting into executive session to discuss Personnel issues. (Grossman; Stapleton) Unanimously approved.

There was a motion to move the meeting out of Executive Session at 9:52 PM. (Grossman; Prechtl-Loper) Unanimously approved.

Motion to renew the retainer contract with K. Seaman as Library attorney at an annual rate of \$7,500. (Martin; Stapleton) Unanimously approved.

Motion to approve the change of status of Custodian Brian Mori to Custodial Supervisor with an increase of \$.98/hour. (4-Yes; 2 Abs.- Prechtl-Loper, Grossman; 1-No-Timpanaro) Motion passes.

#### XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 PM. (Martin; Stapleton) Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Stapleton, Secretary