

# **PORT JEFFERSON FREE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING AGENDA**

Meeting Date: January 27, 2025  
Meeting Place: Library Conference Room  
Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER, *introductory remarks***

- A. Oath of Office, administered by Jenny Bloom.**
- B. Comments from the Board.**
- C. Comments from the Public.**

## **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**MOTION** to approve the agenda for the January 27, 2025 Board of Trustee Meeting.

**MOTION** to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2025 Board of Trustee Special Meeting.

**MOTION** to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2024 Board of Trustee Meeting.

## **III. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Business Manager's Report to the Treasurer**
- B. Comparative Statements of Expenses and Revenue for the Month Ending December 31, 2024**
- C. Reporting Payrolls and Warrants**
  - 1. FAO Warrants of December 6, 2024, and December 20, 2024.
  - 2. Payroll Warrants of December 6, 2024, and December 20, 2024.
  - 3. Capital Warrants of December 6, 2024, December 20, 2024 and January 27, 2025
  - 4. Warrant of January 27, 2025.

**MOTION** to accept all Financial Warrants as presented.

**MOTION** to transfer \$150,000.00 out of the BOA Primary Reserve Savings Account and into the BOA Capital Fund Checking Account.

## **IV. LIBRARY REPORTS**

- A. Director Report**
- B. Personnel**

## **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. 205 E Main grand opening.**
- B. 2025-2026 Library Budget-review and adopt**
  - 1. Tax Cap Resolution**

WHEREAS, the adoption of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year budget for the Port Jefferson Free Library may require 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 while it is not this Board's intention to exceed the New York State Tax Cap, we are very concerned with the lack of timely guidance, cooperation, and information coming from the New York State agencies charged with enforcing this law.

We feel it is necessary to enact this override resolution in order to protect our community's investment in their public library. This will make our community immune from any errors, omissions, or other difficulties arising from the enforcement of this law.

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 Port Jefferson Free Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on January 27, 2025.

**MOTION** to adopt the tax cap resolution as presented.

## **2. Budget Resolution**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PORT JEFFERSON FREE LIBRARY FOR SUCH A PERIOD. WHEREAS, this board has met at the time and place required to deliberate on the proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, the sum of ~~\$X,XXX,XXX.XX~~ be approved for the general use and maintenance of the Port Jefferson Free Library during the fiscal year July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026, which said sum shall be raised by the taxation on the taxable property in Union Free School District #6, and that the Board of Education of said district be authorized and directed to collect said sum as provided by section 416 of the education law.

**MOTION** to adopt the 2025-2026 Library Operating Budget as presented.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. 205 E Main**

**MOTION** to approve payment to Belfor in the amount of \$59,199.25 for work completed at 205 E Main Street.

**MOTION** to approve payment to Belfor in the amount of \$39,885.03 for work completed at 205 E Main Street.

### **B. SCLS**

**MOTION** to approve payment to SCLS in the amount of \$41,429.37 for 2025 Member Library Support and other miscellaneous electronic services renewals.

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION**

## **VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Executive session (if necessary)

Reconvene to public session (if necessary)

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

*Next Board Meeting: Monday, February 24, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.*