

Long Hill Township Public Library
Minutes – Board of Trustees
December 10, 2008
Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Long Hill Township Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by President Phyllis Clemson at 7:44 p.m. The following members were present: Brian Boylan, Phyllis Clemson, Diane Dellureficio, Kathleen Larkin, Stephen Napholtz, Ann Oster, Kim Sadowski, Dennis Sandow, and Phoebe Sharp. Library Director Mary Martin was also present.

Sunshine Law

The provisions of the Sunshine Law were taken as read.

Minutes

The minutes for the regular meeting for November 19, 2008 were read. D. Sandow proposed that they should be amended to note that Ingrid Casella, a member of the public, attended the meeting and thanked Director Martin for her help with the senior's book club. Motion to accept the amended minutes was made by K. Larkin, seconded by S. Napholtz. All voted in favor of accepting the amended minutes.

Director's Report

See attached Director's Report. There were no additional comments. Motion to receive the Director's Report by S. Napholtz, seconded by D. Sandow. All voted in favor.

President's Report

President Clemson began by recognizing exiting library board members B. Boylan, K. Sadowski and P. Sharp. A brief review of their contributions to the Library was made, and each received a Certificate of Appreciation.

A thank you note from the library staff for the Holiday Party was acknowledged and circulated.

The official Certificate of Occupancy for the library has been received and framed. It will be hung somewhere near the circulation desk.

A discussion ensued regarding the League of Municipalities' recent resolution that proposes reducing the minimum funding level for municipal libraries from a third of a mil to a possible sixth of a mil. D. Sandow has drafted a resolution protesting this action, requesting that our Township Committee oppose this.

A motion to approve this resolution was made by D. Sandow, seconded by P. Sharp. All voted in favor, and the President and Secretary signed. Director Martin will give a copy

of the signed resolution to the Municipal Clerk for distribution to Township Committee members.

**2008-12-10 Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the
Long Hill Township Public Library**

Whereas the New Jersey League of Municipalities passed a resolution at its 2008 annual conference to reduce the minimum funding level for municipal libraries from 1/3mil to 1/6 mil, and forwarded that resolution to the Legislature, and

Whereas that resolution ignores the enormous public service that municipal libraries perform for the welfare of the taxpaying public, and is therefore not in the best interests of the municipal governments, and

Whereas the League of Municipalities has lost sight of the fact that the Public Libraries have been protected and flourished for over 120 years in New Jersey, in large part because of assured adequate public funding, and

Whereas the League of Municipalities is, in fact, violating one of its own fundamental principles, by asking the Legislature to further regulate what is, in fact a local matter,

Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Long Hill Township Free Public Library assembled in open public meeting on December 10, 2008, that the Mayor and Township Committee of Long Hill Township formally adopt a resolution in protest of this action, and forward it to the League of Municipalities and to the Senator and Assemblymen representing the 26th District,

And be it further resolved that the elected and appointed officials of the Township take every possible step to persuade the League of Municipalities to reverse its position.

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Grounds

A representative from Johnston Communications will come on Tuesday December 30th to do some work on the phone system we share with Town Hall. We will share the cost of the visit with Town Hall.

Finance Committee

Committee suggests closing the Librarian's Discretionary Fund account at Washington Mutual/Chase and opening up a new account at PNC in January of 2009, once new designated signature account board members have been assigned.

A motion was made to move the account from WaMu/Chase to PNC by K. Larkin, seconded by S. Napholtz. All voted in favor.

PNC CD is due to mature on January 11, 2009. Motion was made to roll it over by D. Sandow, seconded by S. Napholtz. All voted in favor.

Old Business

Board went into Executive Session to review “Goals and Objectives” for Director Martin for 2009. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the board went back into public session.

K. Sadowski brought up the discussion held at a previous meeting regarding the possible hanging of historic township photos. A committee has been designated to work with the historical society on this. Board members on the committee will be S. Napholtz and K. Larkin.

New Business

The Board discussed possible consequences of the reduction of the “third of a mil” funding and ways we could maintain the same high level of community service but contain or reduce expenses.

Treasurer’s Report

The Board reviewed and discussed the Bill List, Librarian’s Discretionary and Petty Cash Report, receipts year to date and disbursements year to date.

A motion to approve all financial reports was made by P. Sharp, seconded by A. Oster.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by P. Sharp, seconded by S. Napholtz at 9:35. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Sadowski
Secretary