

**Mount Laurel Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Board Meeting
December 20, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

6:00 PM

FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION:

Provided by Ms. Sawyer

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT:

Ms. Sawyer stated that this meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was provided by way of the Burlington County Times, the Courier Post, and the Mount Laurel Sun, and it was posted in the library and on its website.

ROLL CALL:

Chris Bleiholder - *Present*

Noreen Duffey – *Absent*

Denise Gamble – *Present*

Roger Gibson – *Present*

Kareem Pritchett – *Present*

Susan Rovi - *Present*

Fredda Sacharow – *Present*

Stephanie Sawyer – *Present*

Walter F. Stridick – *Absent*

ALSO PRESENT:

Ed Campbell, Esq.- Library Attorney

Becky Boydston- Library Director

Lauren Bacon- Library Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

Approval of Meeting November 15, 2023 minutes of meeting:

Motion to approve: Mr. Bleiholder

2nd: Ms. Sacharow

All in Favor

APPROVAL of the December 15, 2023 BILL LIST in the amount of \$64,909.66 and the December 20, 2023, BILL LIST ADDENDUM in the amount of \$27,668.62:

Motion to approve: Mr. Bleiholder

2nd: Ms. Sacharow

Roll Call: 7 yes votes

REPORT FROM LIBRARY STAFF:

Ms. Boydston reported that the Hold's Locker installation will finally be underway in March 2024.

Ms. Boydston also reported that Library app unexpectedly stopped working on November 26, 2023. The Library is currently receiving credit for what we have paid for the app until the new version is available. In the meantime, we are deciding if the Library needs to look at other app options that we could have up and running sooner than the new app is available.

Ms. Boydston reported that the Library's engineer is confident that we can do most of the building renovations that we had previously discussed within the \$500,000 that we are taking from surplus to add to the Library's capital budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

2023-034 APPROVAL OF 2024 BUDGET

Budget includes a 3% increase for full-time employees. Part-time pay rates are also being increased by \$1 an hour due to the change in the minimum wage.

Motion to Approve: Mr. Bleiholder

2nd: Ms. Sacharow

Roll Call: All in Favor

2023-035 AUTHORIZATION TO SELL SURPLUS ON DISCOVER BOOKS

Motion to Approve: Mr. Bleiholder

2nd: Mr. Pritchett

Roll Call: All in Favor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:17pm: Ms. Sacharow

2nd: Mr. Pritchett

All in favor