

**ELMWOOD PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
August 6, 2018**

OPEN

Doris Wechtler opened the public meeting at 6:00 P.M. in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act.

ROLL CALL

Present: Geraldine Mola (arrived 6:10 P.M.), Doris Wechtler, Francesco Fasolo, Dominic Carriero, Richard Trawinski, and Anthony Iachetti

Absent: Kathleen Policano and Mayor Caramagna

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Library Capital Plan

- Doris Wechtler turned the meeting over to RSC Architect Jeff Schlecht to explain options for proceeding with the building renovation project since all bids were over budget and rejected.
- The trustees asked about completing the renovation in phases beginning with the roof, the skylights, the HVAC system, and the soffits and fascia.
- Mr. Schlecht discussed the following options:
 - Looking for additional funds,
 - rebidding the project after reducing and revising its scope
 - rebidding the project as is with the intention of negotiating
 - bidding out specific aspects of the project
- Mr. Schlecht discussed revising the document and redoing the design.
- Mr. Schlecht mentioned that some aspects of the project are entangled in other aspects of the project.
- The trustees discussed the pending state grant for libraries and their desire to apply.
- The trustees stated that the roof replacement is a priority.
- Mr. Schlecht suggested revamping bid specs and going out to bid in a month or two.
- Additional funds will be needed for revamping of the document and documentation of the bidding.
- Mr. Schlecht talked about the competition among contractors for jobs and increasing costs.
- Geraldine Mola said that it was her understanding that the plan would include adding the addition to the building. The current plan does not include an addition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeffrey Freitag 35 Hillman Drive

- Mr. Freitag commented on a discrepancy between advertisements for the special meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Doris Wechtler adjourned the public meeting at 6:48 P.M.