

**ELMWOOD PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
January 25, 2016**

OPEN

Joe Suplicki opened the public meeting at 7:07 P.M. in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joe Suplicki, Doris Wechtler, Richard Trawinski, Mayor Mola, and Jamie Silverman,

Absent: Robert Manginelli, Kathleen Policano, and Jill Torrento

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 16, 2015

Joe Suplicki made a motion to accept the November 16, 2015 minutes as amended

First: Doris Wechtler

Second: Mayor Mola

Approved: Joe Suplicki, Doris Wechtler, Richard Trawinski, and Mayor Mola

- Richard Trawinski asked that the library attorney submit a letter stating that the trustees are not liable if someone gets hurt at the library.

December 21, 2015

Joe Suplicki made a motion to accept the December 21, 2015 minutes as amended

First: Mayor Mola

Second: Doris Wechtler

Approved: Joe Suplicki, Doris Wechtler, Richard Trawinski, and Mayor Mola

FINANCIAL REPORTS

December 2015 Trial Balance

Joe Suplicki made a motion to accept the December 2015 Trial Balance

First: Mayor Mola

Second: Richard Trawinski

Approved: Joe Suplicki, Doris Wechtler, Richard Trawinski, and Mayor Mola

- Doris Wechtler questioned the \$1,110.01 spent on legal fees.
- Doris Wechtler wanted to know who spoke to the attorney and what legal advice was given by the attorney
- Doris Wechtler asked about the cost of each phone call.

Richard Trawinski made a motion that any and all bills related to the building fund should be emailed to all trustees prior to meetings.

Second: Doris Wechtler

Approved: Doris Wechtler, Richard Trawinski

Not Approved: Mayor Mola, Joe Suplicki

Motion Failed

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- Jamie Silverman presented a written legal opinion from Michael Cerone, board attorney, regarding “Abilities of Mayor’s Alternate.”
- Richard Trawinski said that elected officials should be kept aware of capital improvements. Mr. Trawinski cited the attorney general in 2007
- Jamie Silverman said that it was in the best interest of the trustees to advise the elected official of what is going on, but the trustees do not have to seek approval from the elected officials.

December 2015 Bill’s List

Joe Suplicki made a motion to accept the December 2015 Bill’s List in the amount of \$10,929.14

First: Mayor Mola

Second: Richard Trawinski

Approved: Joe Suplicki, Doris Wechtler, Richard Trawinski, and Mayor Mola

OTHER REPORTS

Joe Suplicki made a motion to accept the December 2015 Director’s Report

First: Doris Wechtler

Second: Mayor Mola

Approved: Joe Suplicki, Doris Wechtler, Richard Trawinski, and Mayor Mola

Joe Suplicki made a motion to accept the December 2015 Reference Report

First: Doris Wechtler

Second: Mayor Mola

Approved: Joe Suplicki, Doris Wechtler, Richard Trawinski, and Mayor Mola

Joe Suplicki made a motion to accept the December 2015 Circulation Report

First: Doris Wechtler

Second: Richard Trawinski

Approved: Joe Suplicki, Doris Wechtler, Richard Trawinski, and Mayor Mola

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Board of Trustees Officer Nominations and Vote

Election of officers was tabled. Election will take place at the February 22, 2016 meeting when all the trustees are present.

Resolution and Vote: Appointment of Auditor for 2016

Mayor Mola moved to appoint Lerch, Vinci, & Higgins as the library auditor for 2016

Second: Richard Trawinski

Approved: Joe Suplicki, Doris Wechtler, Richard Trawinski, and Mayor Mola

Resolution and Vote: Appointment of Library Attorney for 2016

Mayor Mola moved to hire Michael Cerone as the Elmwood Park Public Library attorney for 2016

Second: Joe Suplicki

Approved: Mayor Mola and Joe Suplicki

Not Approved: Doris Wechtler and Richard Trawinski

Motion Failed

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Carrier Contract

Discussion of the Carrier contract was tabled. It will be discussed at the February 22, 2016 meeting

OTHER ISSUES

- Richard Trawinski suggested that a rehab analysis be done on the building

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Jeffrey Freitag 35 Hillman Drive
- Mr. Freitag asked for clarification on library stacks – number, size, location, arrangement of stacks in renovation plan.

Joe Dombrowski 274 Lincoln Avenue

- Mr. Dombrowski commented that if there is a 50 person meeting room there is not enough parking.
- Mr. Dombrowski asked about the status of the requested February 11, 2016 joint meeting with town council.
- Mr. Dombrowski asked that the meeting agenda be made available on the library website and that copies of the agenda be made available at the meetings
- Mr. Dombrowski asked about employment for library workers when the building has to be closed for the building project
- Mr. Dombrowski suggested that the building should have sprinklers under any circumstances
- Mr. Dombrowski asked that the money be spent on the building – make it a “Taj Mahal” of a building. Mr. Dombrowski said that he is not asking for money to be returned. He is just concerned that nothing has been done for too long.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Joe Suplicki adjourned the public meeting at 8:10 P.M.