

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

March 25, 2024

Hauppauge Public Library

Present

Mr. Julian Aptowitz
Mr. Stephen Bard
Mr. Ralph Plotke
Mr. John White
Mr. Matthew Bollerman, Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Kathleen Brett, Head of Guest Services

Guest

Four members of the public

Absent

Ms. Nayana Mehta

Mr. White called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. White asked the CEO to present the 2024-2025 proposed operating budget. The CEO shared the recent use of the Library, proposed income estimated and expenditures and the tax request being asked of the community. A community member had a question about the budget which was answered.

Mr. White introduced Julian Aptowitz as the unopposed trustee candidate. Mr. Aptowitz introduced himself and stated he is looking forward to serving another term on the Board.

Motion to accept the Minutes of the February 26, 2024 Board Meeting (Bard, Aptowitz) passed 4-0.

Treasurer's Report

The Chief Executive Officer reviewed the reports with the Board.

Motion to accept the March 25, 2024 operating warrant \$229,313.02 (Bard, Aptowitz) passed 4-0.

Correspondence

None

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Kathleen Brett, Head of Guest Services reported on starting work on a campaign to increase cardholders at our library. She has updated our welcome email. We are adding Adventureland tickets for sale at the library for \$27.50 which includes all the rides and

free parking. She organized a meeting on work ergonomics for staff. She also reported on her new role as art gallery coordinator. The CEO shared a recent conversation he had with staff about enforcing the Maintenance of Public Order and Rules of Conduct at the Library policies. The Library is experiencing some new behavior at the library and staff are being asked to confront new conditions they have not been asked to before. The CEO shared updates on expected PILOT income, deadlines for Sexual Harassment Prevention training, recent meetings with the Parks Department and State of the Town address, Action Plan. Friends meeting and plans for the summer reading program and National Library Week. The CEO shared the plans for new software licenses for our website, app, room booking, event sign ups and more.

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

**RESOLUTION APPROVING 2024-2025 BUDGET IN EXCESS
OF STATE TAX CAP**

WHEREAS, the adoption of the 2024 – 2025 budget for the Hauppauge Public Library (the “Library”) requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by State law as outlined in General Municipal Law (“GML”) §3-c, adopted in 2011;

WHEREAS, GML §3-c expressly permits the Library Board of Trustees to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified Board Trustees;

WHEREAS, by unanimous resolution of the Library Board of Trustees dated January 17, 2024, the Board resolved to present a budget to the voters for approval that exceeds the tax levy limit for the 2024—2025 fiscal year;

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Hauppauge Public Library does hereby vote to, and approve to, exceed the tax levy limit for the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year by at least sixty percent of the Board of Trustees, as required by State law.

DISPOSITION OF THE BOARD

MOVED: Bard

SECONDED: Plotke

THOSE IN FAVOR 4 **THOSE OPPOSED** 0 **THOSE ABSTAINING** 0

Period for Public Expression

None

Personnel Report

None

General Discussion

None

Executive Session

Motion to enter into an executive session to discuss the sale of real property (Plotke, Bard) passed 4-0 at 8:05 pm.

Motion to exit the executive session (Plotke, Aptowitz) passed 4-0 at 8:42 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. (Aptowitz, Bard) passed 4-0.