

WOOD-RIDGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
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**DATE:** October 15, 2024

**Presiding:** Veronica York

<u>Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Catherine Cassidy		X	Bozena Katic		X
Dolores McAlinden	X		Patricia Sloan	X	
Erin Hughes	X		Veronica York	X	
Judy Pepe	X		Philip Romero		X
Keri Focarino		X	Tracy Katz	X	

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**Meeting Called to Order:**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Veronica York.

This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of P.L. 231.

**Minutes:**

A motion to accept the minutes of September 9, 2024 was made by Patricia Sloan and seconded by Dolores McAlinden with the following corrections: None.

**VOTE: All**

**Budget Report:**

A motion to accept the Treasury Report of October 2024 was made by Judy Pepe and seconded by Tracy Katz.

**VOTE: All**

A motion to pay the September payroll in the amount of \$32,991.13 was made by Dolores McAlinden and seconded by Patricia Sloan.

**VOTE: All**

A motion to pay the October bills from the Borough account in the amount of \$15,790.51 was made by Dolores McAlinden and seconded by Tracy Katz.

**VOTE: All**

A motion to pay the October bills from the Valley checking account in the amount of \$919.42 was made by Veronica York and seconded by Judy Pepe.

**VOTE: All**

**Director's Report/Committee Reports:**

A motion to accept the director's report was made by Veronica York and seconded by Judy Pepe.

**VOTE: All**

**Friends of the Library:**

None

**Open Hearing:**

No members of the public were present.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Due to the abatement program at Westmont Station, ratables will increase for the next five years, which will in turn increase the funding for the library. Our 2025 Third Mill is projected to be \$719,059.

A motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel was made by Veronica York and seconded by Patricia Sloan. The motion carried and we went into closed session at 7:14.

Christopher Raghoobar has been a full-time employee of the library since January 2024. He is entitled to health benefits, but there has been a problem procuring them for him. Councilman

Altamura was contacted and he will talk with Director Erin Hughes tomorrow in hopes of resolving this issue.

Enrica D'Alessandro has requested reducing her hours to part time and working four days a week starting in November.

A motion to go back to open session was made by Dolores McAlinden and seconded by Judy Pepe. The motion carried and we returned to open session at 7:23.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tracy Katz and seconded by Patricia Sloan. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.