

WOOD-RIDGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
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DATE: November 12, 2024

Presiding: Catherine Cassidy

<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	
			Tracy Katz	X	

Meeting Called to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Catherine Cassidy.

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

Minutes:

A motion to accept the minutes of October 15, 2024 was made by Bozena Katic and seconded by Veronica York with the following corrections: None.

VOTE: All abstentions: Catherine Cassidy

Budget Report:

A motion to accept the Treasury Report of November 2024 was made by Tracy Katz and seconded by Bozena Katic.

VOTE: All

A motion to pay the October payroll in the amount of \$33,267.90 was made by Catherine Cassidy and seconded by Dolores McAlinden.

VOTE: All

A motion to pay the November bills from the Borough account in the amount of \$13,418.38 was made by Catherine Cassidy and seconded by Dolores McAlinden.

VOTE: All

A motion to pay the November bills from the Valley checking account in the amount of \$794.12 was made by Judy Pepe and seconded by Veronica York.

VOTE: All

Director's Report/Committee Reports:

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

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. This will provide an overage in our budget of about \$15,000.

Director Erin Hughes provided ideas of how to delegate this money.

- 1.) Use about half the overage to give the staff a 5% increase in pay instead of the usual 3%.
- 2.) Add the overage, or part of it, to the Capital Improvement account. We are anticipating having the porch and front and back soffits redone, the roof evaluated and singles replaced, and the wiring in the basement consolidated in the near future.

3.) Purchase patron pick up lockers. This would allow the library to offer the porch pickup to our patrons.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bozena Katic and seconded by Dolores McAlinden. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.