

W.H. Walters Free Public Library
1001 East Boulevard
Alpha, NJ 08865
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Date January 13, 2020

The Board of Trustees Meeting for January 13, 2020 was called to order at 7:40pm in the Library.

Present at the meeting was Seth Cohen, Mayor Dunwell, Tammy McGee, Patrick McHenry, Steve Noll, Christina Smith, and Carla Roselle.

Open Public Meeting Notice was read by the president and all stood for the Flag Salute.

Agenda Approved – Motion made by Mayor Dunwell and seconded by Seth Cohen. All approved.

Minutes Approved – No minutes were available for approval.

Guest Speakers- None

Opportunity for Public Comments - None.

President's Report –

Patrick McHenry stated that he was honored to be elected Library Board President and said he would strive to continue to represent the Library as best he could.

Treasurers Report –

Action on Bills:

There were seven bills to be paid totaling \$999.19. Motion to approve and pay the bill was made by Steve Noll and seconded by Seth Cohen. All Approved.

Financial report was reviewed. This report reflected the 2019 yearend figures ending on December 31, 2019. The Library has not received the final closeout figures from the Borough CFO and expects to have these available for our next meeting. Some discussion took place to explain to newer board members the numbers reflected by the Statement of Activity report and the Budget vs. Actual report. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Mayor Dunwell and seconded by Seth Cohen. All approved.

Correspondence – None

Library Director's Report –

Carla Roselle stated that she will focus on where we are missing time with younger children. She will be looking into after school activities with some outside recourses to get more involvement at the library. She also is looking into a "paint night" and will have further details on this at a later date. She discusses with Councilwoman Smith about having a "coffee with a Cop" program. Councilwoman Smith said she would bring this up at the next Council Meeting. We have a new Yoga instructor. The former instructor decided not to offer the program during the winter because of the cold temperatures. Mayor Dunwell

asked if the former instructor would return when the weather warmed and Carla said that the new instructor will continue as of now. Carla reached out to the Girl Scout Leaders to do a “pajama Story Time” activity that would target the K-2nd grade students. One leader agreed and will be working on a date. Carla discussed with Councilwoman Gable and the Town Clerk about a cost share for programs. This would hopefully target a larger group of people and interest. Councilwoman Gable said she would address this at a Council Meeting. Carla also discussed the possibility of having a “Touch a Truck” program. This would be an activity that would have companies with large or unique trucks to display these vehicles and allow people to touch and interact with the vehicles. Seth Cohen stated that he has seen this program and it would be a good program to pursue. Finally, Carla said she is working on the Library Annual Report which determines our State Aid assistance.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Dunwell said he was unable to attend our December meeting because he was at a meeting with the Highlands Commission to discuss a \$60,000 grant they funded to look into zoning in all municipalities in the county regarding the building of warehouses. This has become a key issue in the county and zoning in municipalities should be looked into. He also stated that the Borough is about to launch a new digital newsletter. He said the AYAA and the Library could assist in getting this newsletter to Borough residents via our email listings. Carla said this wouldn’t be a problem.

School Principal’s Report –Seth Cohen reported that the School Board had its re-organization meeting and new Officers are in place. He also stated that the School now has a full board.

Committee Reports - None

Motion to approve all committee reports was made by Steve Noll and seconded by Seth Cohen. All Approved.

Old Business –

Mayor Dunwell said the council directors will be assuming more responsibility in their given areas and he should have more time to focus on completing the missing minutes from 2016. Carla said he could determine which ones are needed by checking on our library web page.

New Business– None

The next regular meeting will be February 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:04pm by Christina Smith and seconded Seth Cohen. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Noll