

W.H. Walters Free Public Library

1001 East Boulevard

Alpha, NJ 08865

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Minutes for January 24, 2022

Current guidelines allow for this regular meeting of the W.H. Walters Free Public Library Board of Trustees to be held as a virtual meeting held via Zoom. Notice of virtual meeting was advertised and posted with 48 hours' notice by the Library Director on the Library's website and on the front and rear entrance doors to the Library.

The Board of Trustees Meeting for January 24, 2022 was called to order by Patrick McHenry at 8:01 pm via Zoom.

Present at the meeting were Patrick McHenry, Seth Cohen, Tammy McGee, Craig Dunwell, Christina Smith and Carla Roselle. Tracy Grossman was absent.

It was noted that the Mayoral Alternate had been discussed at Borough Reorganization meeting, however Craig Dunwell hadn't yet decided. The School Alternate would be either Stewart Davis and/or Kimberlee Weiss.

Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Patrick McHenry.

There was no flag; the Pledge of Allegiance was not recited.

Agenda Approved – Motion made by Seth Cohen to approve the agenda for the January 2022 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Craig Dunwell. All approved.

Minutes Approved – Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented for the December 2021 Regular meeting by Patrick McHenry and seconded by Seth Cohen. A roll call vote was taken. Craig Dunwell and Christina Smith abstained, all others approved.

Opportunity for Public Comments -Steve Noll asked if minutes could be approved with two abstaining. It was noted that for approval of minutes, a majority vote can approve. Seth Cohen made motion to table minutes approval until next meeting so things could be sorted out. Patrick McHenry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Guest Speakers- None.

President's Report - nothing to report..

Treasurer's Report – Carla Roselle reviewed Bill Payment List and Statement of Financial Report. Bills amounted to \$992.38 for the month.

Motion to approve Bill/Check list for January 2022 made by Tammy McGee and seconded by Seth Cohen. A roll call vote was taken and all approved..

Motion to approve Financial Report was made by Seth Cohen and seconded by Tammy McGee. A roll call vote was taken and all approved.

Correspondence – No correspondence.

Internal Library Committee Reports -.

Library Director's Report – 7 new members for the month and a little slow on income. Carla Roselle stated that she is planning in-person programs in February. She will be continuing take-home crafts.

Mayor's Report – Craig Dunwell asked why we are still having remote meetings when the town has been having in-person meetings since July. He asked who were are trying to protect by having online meetings rather than in-person meetings. Tammy McGee responded by saying that one reason for her is that trying to get the minutes off of a tape recording when everyone was spread around council chambers was extremely difficult to do. Seth Cohen then commented that we went remote due to the state going into red on the CALI report and that we're still in red. His answer to who we are protecting was "me". Breakthrough cases are happening. Patrick McHenry stated that he is in favor of in-person everything. Patrick and Seth said that we should plan in-person for our April meeting. Craig Dunwell mentioned that the town held a hybrid meeting and it was discussed that everyone should have tablet, phone, or laptop and have hybrid meetings where everyone can easily take part and it would also solve secretary's problem of not being able to hear recording.

School Principal's Report – Covid numbers are going down in the school. First vaccination clinic was run in the last week and was attended by quite a bit of people. Craig Dunwell asked how many school students were in for clinic. Seth Cohen replied that it wasn't his business to sit and watch, but that he would get data from company who ran clinic. Craig Dunwell asked if proof of residence was being checked; admitted he put invite out to anyone in southern Warren County at last Mayoral meeting before he realized it was meant for Alpha residents only.

Seth Cohen also updated us on the latest changes in quarantine rules.

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

Opportunity for Public Input - no comments.

Old Business – none

New Business – Computers will be discussed at February meeting.

Next regular meeting will be on February 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Tammy McGee asked Patrick McHenry if another recommendation was made to Council to appoint Steve Noll to the Board since he was not appointed in January and we still have an open seat. Patrick affirmed that he did since Steve Noll was a great fit for our Board.

At 8:23 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Seth Cohen and seconded by Craig Dunwell. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy McGee