

W.H. Walters Free Public Library
1001 East Boulevard
Alpha, NJ 08865

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Minutes for May 22, 2023

Current guidelines allow for this special meeting of the W.H. Walters Free Public Library Board of Trustees to be held as an in-person meeting held at the Library. Notice of 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 Special Meeting for May 22, 2023 was called to order by Stephen Noll at 7:05 pm.

Present at the meeting were Susan Billera, Craig Dunwell, Tammy McGee, Steven Noll, Tracy Grossman and Christina Smith. Seth Cohen and Tammy McGee were excused.

Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Stephen Noll .

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda Approved – Motion made by Christina Smith to approve the agenda for the May 22, 2023 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Susan Billera. All approved

Financial Standings - Current account holds \$85,408.64. As per Division of Pensions, our Pension Bills total \$32,645.76 and Late Enrollment total \$5,398.20. Craig Dunwell stated that Susan Shire, admin clerk, said she couldn't follow pension calculations and feels they're off and has asked for clarification on how they calculated the amount they gave us. As it stands now, our budget needs about \$18,000 more put into it to cover the additional costs. The money the Borough owes us from last year and so far this year may be enough to cover the pension costs.

Hiring of New Attorney - Steve Noll spoke with Phillipsburg Library to see who they used. They gave him contact information for Michael Serrone. Steve stated that he's called and left messages twice and has not heard back. Another attorney, Steve? Stated his rate was \$185/hour, which is what we were paying previously. We are awaiting a resume from him.

The Craig Dunwell mentioned that we would have to transfer money in budget to cover legal fees.

Motion to break into Executive Session to discuss contractual potential litigation and personnel was made by Craig Dunwell and seconded by Christina Smith. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor.

Motion to return to leave Executive Session at 7:41 made by Steve Noll and seconded by Craig Dunwell. Roll call vote was taken. All were in favor.

Next regular meeting will be on June 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Library.

A motion to adjourn was not recorded

Respectfully submitted by Tammy McGee