

W. H. Walters Free Public Library
1001 East Boulevard
Alpha, NJ 08865
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Date: November 18, 2024

• The Board of Trustees Meeting for November 18, 2024 is called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

• **Roll Call is taken and a Quorum is declared.** (P=present; A=absent; E=excused)

Susan Billera- P Ginny Boyle- P Meghan Dragotta – P Seth Cohen- P Tammy McGee- P Stephen Noll-P
Joseph Schocko-P

Holly Thomas- P

• **Reading of the Open Public Meeting Notice by the President**

Adequate notice of the meeting has been provided in accordance with NJ Open Public Meetings Act with the publishing of the annual calendar on our Library Bulletin Board, in the Express Times, on our website <http://alphapubliclibrary.com/> and in the Library.

• **Motion to approve Agenda** Motion- Seth Cohen Second- Ginny Boyle - All in favor

• **Motion to approve Minutes as presented** (September 16, 2024)

Motion- Seth Cohen Second- Susan Billera- All in favor.

• **President's Report-**

- Stephen Noll is going to step down at the end of the year. Seth Cohen recommended Stu Davis to join the board and asked that Stephen speaks with him.

- Stephen recommended making a resolution to appoint him a Library point advocate/consultant. He has held every officer position so he would be able to assist any future officers. Recommended requirement would be that you have 8 years of experience, and it would be an appointed position.

- Stephen suggested adding a third person to the signature card to be able to sign checks incase the primary two people are not available there is an extra person. He will contact Becky at the bank with our roster to verify Board Membership. Ginny Boyle and Meghan Dragotta volunteered.

- We will be receiving the Quarterly Tax money check as soon as the town CFO signs off. It will be \$45,803.86 for the first three quarters that is owed to us.

• **Treasurer's Report-**

a. Bill/Check Approval: October 2024- \$493.97

(October 2024) Motion-Seth Cohen Second- Stephen Noll- All in favor

b. Budget vs. Actual reviewed

b. Financial Report Approval: Motion- Seth Cohen Second- Tammy McGee- All in favor.

• **Correspondence-** Star Ledger sent a notice that they will be cease publishing a print newspaper and will close their production facility in February 2025.

• **Library Director's Report-**

-The Library and the Clerks office are having a Christmas Movie night at the Alpha Firehouse on December 13th. The movie will be The Polar Express. RSVP's are needed because it is a 110 person maximum.

- Still no update on a new Dog Reader.

- We switched our phone Service to Service Electric. Verizon will be sending a refund of \$15.97 which will go to the Finance Department.

- We have two new patrons

- Library will be closed on Thanksgiving & the day after Thanksgiving. 11/28/24-11/29/24

• **School Principal's Report-**

- There is Board of Education meeting tomorrow. 11/19/24.

- School Play is Thursday Night 11/21/24 Will be debuting the new lapel microphone system.

- Next week are half days for parent teacher conferences. Monday and Tuesday in the evening and Wednesday there are no students and conferences are in the morning.

• **Motion to approve all committee reports.** Motion- Seth Cohen Second- Susan Billera- All in favor.

• **Motion to Adjourn:** Motion- Susan Second – Tammy Time- 7:31pm.