

W.H. Walters Free Public Library

1001 East Boulevard

Alpha, NJ 08865

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Minutes for September 20, 2021

Under the guidance of executive order number 107 from the Governor of the State of New Jersey, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this regular meeting of the W.H. Walters Free Public Library Board of Trustees was held as a virtual meeting using the audio-video service 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, including how the public may attend, observe, or otherwise participate in said virtual meeting.

The Board of Trustees Meeting for September 20, 2021 was called to order by Patrick McHenry at 7:02 pm via Zoom.

Present at the meeting were Patrick McHenry, Steve Noll, Tammy McGee, Christina Smith, Seth Cohen, and Carla Roselle. Craig Dunwell and Laurie Cartabona were absent. Mayoral Alternate did not attend. Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Patrick McHenry. There was no flag to salute; the Pledge of Allegiance was not recited.

Agenda Approved – Motion made by Seth Cohen to approve the agenda for the September 2021 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Noll. All approved.

Minutes Approved – Motion was made to approve the minutes for the August 2021 Regular meeting by Seth Cohen. Steve Noll seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Opportunity for Public Comments - No comments.

Guest Speakers- None

President's Report – Patrick McHenry made a motion to begin having in-person meetings in Council Chambers beginning with our October 2021 meeting. Seth Cohen seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote. All approved. Amended to add: the State Library has extended free Zoom access for one year; the option for Zoom meetings is still open, based on current guidelines.

Treasurer's Report – There is an increased pension cost for 2021 of \$764.50. Seth Cohen made a motion to approve this increase. The motion was seconded by Steve Noll. There was a roll call vote. All approved.

The Borough of Alpha asked if we would accept a lump payment at the end of the year rather than being paid quarterly. A motion was made by Steve Noll to accept this offer for 2021 only. This motion was seconded by Christina Smith. A roll call vote was taken. All approved.

Carla Roselle reviewed Bill Payment List and Statement of Financial Report.

Motion to approve Bill/Check list for September 2021 made by Steve Noll and seconded by Tammy McGee. A roll call vote was taken and all approved..

Motion to approve Financial Report was made by Steve Noll and seconded by Christina. A roll call vote was taken and all approved.

Correspondence – No correspondence.

Internal Library Committee Reports - no committees have been formed

Library Director's Report – Carla Roselle shared that membership is increasing. There has been good program turnout and in-library computer use has increased. She is currently looking for opportunities to hold in-person programs outdoors.

Mayor's Report – no report

School Principal's Report – Seth Cohen reported that Back to School Night will be held in person this year.

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

Opportunity for Public Input - no comments.

Old Business – Parking problem on East Boulevard is no longer an issue.

New Business – Alpha Community Day will be held on Saturday, November 6th from 4 -8 pm. The Library will have a table and will be handing items out to the community.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm in Council chambers.

At 7:27 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Seth Cohen and seconded by Patrick McHenry . All approved.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy McGee