

Fallsburg Library Trustee Monthly Meeting
May 18, 2017

Attendance:

Sonny Smith, Acting President	Present
Ronnie Cohen, Financial Officer	Present
Livia Sabourin, Secretary	Present
Jenny Silverman, Trustee	Present
Sonia Ward, Trustee	Present
Amanda Ward-Almonte, Trustee	Absent - Excused
Kelly Wells, Director	Present
Paige Bakken, Recording Secretary	Absent - Excused
Laurie Burke-Deutsch, Trustee, appointed	Present

Meeting commenced at 5:11 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

N/A

Approval of Minutes

Board member Sabourin moved and Board member Cohen seconded a motion for the approval of the minutes dated March 16, 2017. All in favor.

Board member Cohen moved and Board member Sabourin seconded a motion for the approval of the minutes dated April 24, 2017. All in favor.

Financial Report

Catskill Hudson Bank as of April 30, 2017:

Checking	\$ 22,502.18
Money Market	\$211,564.84
ICS	\$320,385.93

Board member Cohen suggested looking at CD rates at different banks once again. Since the building project is in limbo, it would make sense to try to get more interest from CD accounts than in the Money Market account.

Board member Silverman moved and Board member Sabourin seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. All in favor.

Board member Cohen moved and Board member Silverman seconded a motion to approve the warrants dated May 17, 2017 totaling \$13,312.37. All in favor.

Board member Cohen moved and Board member Sabourin seconded a motion to approve the Budget Amendments dated May 18, 2017 totaling \$11,345.47. All in favor.

Correspondence

Several letters and donations in Bernie Deutsch's name have arrived since his passing. Donations totaling \$400.00 have been sent and Laurie Burke-Deutsch, his widow, has received \$160.00 in additional funds that she will bring into the library.

Director Report

Director Wells read from her director's report. (copy attached).

Old Business

Board member Sabourin moved and Board member Silverman seconded a motion to approve the hiring of an Alternate Election Inspector, Ms. Selby Feldman, for the Fallsburg Library Budget Vote on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. All in favor.

Reminder that we will have our Public Hearing for FY 2017-2018 Budget on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 7 pm.

Public Budget will be available at the front desk starting May 23, 2017.

Board member Silverman moved and Board member Ward seconded a motion to sign the Tax Cap Resolution acknowledging that our FY 2017-2018 Budget will go over the 2% Tax Cap. All in favor. In response to this, Board member Cohen made a comment about the budget and the fact that at least two municipal budgets, including ours, went over the tax cap and town residents will not get a tax rebate as a result. She said that our insurance costs were largely responsible for us exceeding the Tax Cap. She suggested that we look into requiring employees to pay part of their insurance costs in the future.

Reminder that the 2017 Fallsburg Library Election will take place on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 from 11am-8pm.

Acting Board President Smith signed the Destruction Report.

Next Visioning Meeting will take place on Thursday, June 8, 2017.

New Business

Director Wells presented a Proposed Addendum to the Personnel Policy (copy attached) regarding benefit time carry over that applies to both the staff and the director. This addendum will increase the amount of time that can be carried over. Board member Cohen asked for clarification of the issue. Director Wells provided clarification. Discussion ensued. It was decided that in the future, the Personnel Committee should look at drawing up separate policies for staff and the director, and putting that into the director's contract. Board member Silverman moved and Board member Ward seconded a motion to accept the Personnel Policy Addendum. All in favor.

Board member Sabourin moved and Board member Ward seconded a motion to appoint Laurie Burke-Deutsch to the seat left vacant by the passing of Bernie Deutsch. Burke-Deutsch will hold the seat through June 30, 2017. All in favor.

Committee Reports

N/A

Board member Silverman moved and Board member Ward seconded a motion to adjourn at 5:55 pm. All in favor.