

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HALF HOLLOW HILLS COMMUNITY LIBRARY HELD ON MARCH 27, 2023, AT DIX HILLS.

1. The meeting was called to order by Library Board President, Jacob Goldman, at 6:32PM. Also present were Board Members, Larry Bloomstein, Maxine Cohen, Bruce Gordon, and Wayne Griffith.
2. Also present were Helen Crosson, Library Director, Charlene Muhr, Assistant Library Director, Michele Peluso, Business Manager, and Rosemarie Menta, Clerk of the Board of Trustees. Anne Votta, Substitute Clerk of the Board of Trustees, was absent with prior notice.
3. Also present were Jackie Cantwell, Patricia Byrnes, Sheila Blechner, Linda Milliken, Karen Deaner, Andrea Kalinowski, Teresa LaMorte, Betty Ann Tomforde, Ann Friedenber-Skudin, Lisa Garland, and Chris Garland as guests/staff members.
4. Also present were Patty Lerner, Ruth Vogel, Janet Griebert, Eileen Effrat, Christina Noniya, Brenda Elberg, Manfred Kalinowski, Edna Susman, Rosemarie Jerome, Dexton Woolery, Carol Cronoge, Brenda Elbey, Susan Baresich, Peter Tomforde, and Michael Tomforde as guests.
5. Several guests shared their thoughts regarding the library.
6. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Gordon, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 27, 2023, were approved.
7. Upon a motion by Mrs. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Gordon, the Board of Trustees entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 6:58PM.
8. Upon a motion by Mrs. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Gordon, the Board of Trustees reconvened into Open Session at 8:19PM, then immediately entered into the Public Information Meeting.
9. Upon a motion by Mrs. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board of Trustees adjourned the Public Information Meeting at 8:21PM, then immediately reconvened into Open Session.
10. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, Abstract No. 1171, in the amount of \$9,473.07, was ratified.
11. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, Abstract No. 1172, in the amount of \$69,784.28, was ratified.

12. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, Abstract No. 1173, in the amount of \$32,244.17, was ratified.
13. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, Abstract No. 1174, in the amount of \$111,963.64, was ratified.
14. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, Abstract No. 1175, in the amount of \$7,397.60, was ratified.
15. Upon a motion by Mrs. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Bloomstein, the Payroll Warrant No. 1524, dated 3/9/23 in the amount of \$139,899.23 was ratified. (Mr. Gordon abstained).
16. Upon a motion by Mrs. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Bloomstein, the Payroll Warrant No. 1525, dated 3/23/23 in the amount of \$153,922.81 was ratified. (Mr. Gordon abstained).
17. Michele Peluso, Business Manager, discussed financial reports.
18. The Board of Trustees discussed Public Service Desk Holds.
19. The Board of Trustees discussed the Third Floor Railing.
20. The Board of Trustees discussed DEI Training.
21. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board of Trustees authorized the Clerk of the Board of Trustees to destroy all the ballots cast, spoiled, and unused in the April 5, 2022 Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election pursuant to Education Law §2034(6)(b).
22. Upon a motion by Mrs. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Gordon, the Board of Trustees accepted the New York State Annual Report for 2022.
23. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Bloomstein, the Board of Trustees approved the regulatory adjustment of the elevator at Melville at a cost not to exceed \$9,000.00.
24. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mr. Griffith, the recommendation to hire Project Manager, Dorian De Laurentiis, from Calgi Construction Company, Inc., to assist with closeouts at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00, was discussed by the Board of Trustees and tabled pending additional information.

25. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Bloomstein, the Board of Trustees approved the March Personnel Report. (Mr. Gordon abstained.)
26. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board of Trustees approved a resolution to suspend indefinitely with pay the Library Director, Helen Crosson, until such time she resigns or is otherwise terminated.
27. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mr. Gordon, the Board of Trustees approved a resolution to request the Library Director, Helen Crosson, to submit her voluntary resignation by Monday, April 3, 2023.
28. Upon a motion by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, the Board of Trustees entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 9:01PM.
29. Upon a motion by Mrs. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Griffith, the Board of Trustees reconvened into Open Session at 9:10PM.
30. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mr. Gordon, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Menta  
Clerk of the Board of Trustees

Larry Bloomstein  
Secretary