

Board of Trustees Meeting

September 8, 2022

Call to Order: 7:17 PM

Adequate notice of the meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act in that the date and location were included in the annual meeting schedule, sent to official newspapers, and posted on the public bulletin board.

Attendance:

- **Present:** Jen Powell, Brian Donohue, Saumita Lepre, Judy Nelson--via cell phone, Allison Jablonski, Thomas Kaczynski, Christopher Bardi, William Tedesco, and Deborah Sessa
- **Not Present:** Emily Podolak and Aristotle Popolizio

Approval of Minutes:

- William Tedesco made a motion to approve the June Board Meeting minutes, Allison Jablonski seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment:

None

Council Liaison's Report:

- Christopher Bardi reported that the Summer Concert Series final concert of this season will take place on Friday, September 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM.
- Roseland Day is October 1, 2022.
- Mayor's Ball will be held on Saturday, 22, 2022 at the Hanover Manor. Tickets can be purchased via the Borough of Roseland website. The Mayor's Ball will benefit the Roseland First Aid Squad and the Roseland Library. A silent auction will be held, as well as a 50/50 Raffle.

Correspondence:

None--See New Business regarding the Caldwell Library

Committee Reports:

None to report

Treasurer's Report:

- Judy Nelson presented the Treasurer's Report.
- Saumita Lepre made a motion to approve the September Bill List with \$11, 498.36 from the Operating Account, \$1,799.11 from the Payroll Account, for a grand total of \$13, 297.47. Allison Jablonski seconded the motion and the September Bill List was unanimously approved.

Director's Report:

- Jen Powell presented the Director's Report.
- The Summer Reading Program had 255 participants.
- Programming focus has been on the Roseland seniors population and those with special needs.
- BCCLS is working on restructuring the formula for the e-content portion of the BCCLS bill.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Resolution #2022-16--Out of Town Program Policy--**William Tedesco made a motion to approve that out-of-town patrons must pay a membership fee of \$40.00 per 8 week session to participate in library sponsored programming. Saumita Lepre seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- Discussion took place regarding the current situation with the Caldwell Library. The Roseland Library has been supportive of the Caldwell Library since flooding and the closing of the library a year ago. Saumita Lepre made a motion to approve that the Roseland Library would continue to accommodate Caldwell residents and allow them to use our library through the Caldwell Library's "soft opening" and until October 31, 2022. Effective November 1, 2022 the Roseland Library will no longer allow Caldwell residents to use the Roseland Library for a period of 6 months. Brian Donohue seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- After 5 years as the Director of the Roseland Library, Jen Powell resigned. Deborah Sessa made a motion to approve the resignation of Jen Powell, Brian Donohue seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved, with regret.
- As a result of Jen's resignation it will be necessary to conduct a search for a new director. The following must take place for the search: a committee will be appointed by the members of the Board of Trustees, an advertisement for the position will be posted in periodicals and on certain websites. Jen Powell has graciously offered to participate in the search. Mayor Spango would like the new director to continue the good relationship that has been built between the Borough of Roseland and the Roseland Library. Brian Donohue made a motion to post ads for the position of Director of the Library, Saumita Lepre seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- Employee reviews will take place before Jen leaves.
- Emily Podolak has resigned from the Board of Trustees. We will be looking to fill her position.

William Tedesco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM, Saumita Lepre seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Next meeting date: Monday, October 3, at 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Sessa