

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session Minutes- August 13, 2020

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Virtual meeting due to COVID-19

Members Present: Emily Backus, Jeffrey Boisvert, Eugene Burns, Margaret Coffey, Peter DeWind, Jennifer Embree, JoAnne Hanrahan, Kate Miller-Corcoran, Margaret Shiel, Sara Tarricone

Absent: Kathleen Jablonowski

Also Present: Interim Director Sherry Kowalski, Broome County Attorney Jennifer Suwak and Broome County Executive Representative Christina Cramer

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by P. DeWind at 5:35 pm

Public Comments: None

Amendments to the Agenda:

Update from the Friends of the Library

Minutes of Last Board Meeting:

The July 2020 minutes were adopted.

Appointments and Resignations:

Kelsey Matoushek has returned to work after her furlough. There are no resignations to report.

New Business:

PCC Maintenance and Renewal:

- E. Burns presented a motion to approve the contract, M. Coffey seconded. The board unanimously supported this motion.

New Floor Scrubber:

- J. Hanrahan presented a motion to approve the purchase of the new floor scrubber, J. Boisvert seconded. The board unanimously supported this motion.

Olympus Energy:

- Broome County Public Library and three other local non-profit organizations have rights to some land in Pennsylvania, donated several years ago from a patron of the library. Recently some of the other non-profit organizations have begun working with Olympus Energy, with the intent of drilling oil from the land and receiving a profit.
- J. Suwak described the legal and financial issues associated with this proposal and provided the board with options to help determine the best decision for the library.
- P. DeWind proposed an ad-hoc committee to work on this issue and present their recommendations back to the board.

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- J. Hanrahan and J. Boisvert volunteered to work with J. Suwak on this issue and report back at the September board meeting.

Old Business:

**Budget:**

The budget meeting with Broome County went well. There is not another meeting scheduled right now, but S. Kowalski will inform the board when another meeting is scheduled so that board members have the option of attending.

Director's Report:

Broome County is now mandating that all patrons and visitors to the library have their temperature taken before entering the building. S. Kowalski said that the county has already provided the supplies needed to carry this out.

Additional Items:

**Friends of the Library Update:**

J. Hanrahan shared that the Friends organized a press conference on August 4 to recognize the updates to the library's accessibility provided by a grant from the Tioga Downs Regional Community Foundation. Speakers at the event included Broome County Executive Jason Garnar and representatives from Tioga Downs, the Association for Vision Rehabilitation and Employment and the Southern Tier Independence Center.

Executive Session:

E. Burns proposed entering an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 6:35 pm, J. Boisvert seconded. The board came out of Executive Session and entered Regular Session at 6:59 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

***Next Meeting:***

***Scheduled for Thu, September 10, 2020 at 5:30 pm.***

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sara Tarricone*