

**White Plains Public Library Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
February 10, 2021**

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Schwarz via Zoom.

**Attendees**

Trustees Present: Barrera, D'Ambrosio, Furth, Haynes, Scherer, Schwarz and Summers. Trustee Apologies, Matthews-Serra and Ricca. Also Present: Library Director Brian Kenney, Assistant Library Director, Kathy Degyansky, Executive Director Nancy Rubini, and Library Director's Secretary, Sandra McDaniel. Observers: Christiane Deschamps, Beth Kava, Diane Tabakman, Miriam Turkel

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 13, 2021**

The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 13, 2021 were approved on a MOTION by Trustee Scherer, seconded by Trustee Barrera. All were in favor.

**Minutes of Special Meeting of January 27, 2021**

The minutes of the special meeting on the budget proposal held on January 27, 2021 were approved on a MOTION by Trustee Barrera, seconded by Trustee Summers. All were in favor.

**Budget**

The City Revenue & Expenditure Budget by Department as of January 31, 2021 was reviewed.

**Bills: 2020-2021 Budget: Claim #6**

Trustee Furth reviewed the bills prior to the meeting and found them to be in order. On a MOTION by Trustee Furth, seconded by Trustee Haynes, the claims were authorized for payment. All were in favor.

**Reports of Library Administration**

The Board reviewed the reports. Library Director Kenney said that he had received comments from patrons that were very complimentary towards the staff.

**Trustee Reports & Business**

**WLS** – Trustee Matthews-Serra was not in attendance. Library Director Kenney remarked that he was on the Finance Committee and they were trying to restructure a new model for the member libraries.

**Friends** – Library Director Kenney said the Friends meeting was rescheduled from today.

**Foundation** – Executive Director Rubini reported that they were developing a program to roll out computers and that they were purchasing five of the ten circulating laptops. Director Rubini said she was getting appreciative comments about Library staff and also mentioned upcoming events sponsored by the Foundation.

**Ongoing Business**

Library Director Kenney expressed his gratitude to the Board for its support with regard to the letter to elected officials for the inclusion of libraries as part of the 1B COVID vaccination distribution plan. Mr. Kenney noted that our Library was one of the few that had Board support. Library Director Kenney reported on the challenges

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the Library faced due to the substantial number of people (7-8) in quarantine (Jan/Feb) as well as one staff member who had tested positive. Library Director Kenney reviewed a document that showed the number of new cases was still high and a decline in new cases would be needed in order to reopen safely. Trustee Haynes conveyed well wishes to the staff member who tested positive.

Library Director Kenney commented that unfortunately Mr. Lolis would not be able to join us tonight to discuss the Altice Grant so the topic would be tabled until next month.

**New Business**

Assistant Library Director Degyansky discussed the Circulating Blood Pressure Monitors and said that 10 monitor cuffs were donated by the American Heart Association and they would circulate for 14 days to cardholders County-wide. Ms. Degyansky said there would be a fine of \$1 a day if not returned on time and \$75 for lost or damaged devices. Assistant Library Director Degyansky commented that they should be returned via the book drop and there was a cleaning protocol included and we would do our own cleaning as well.

A board member inquired if there was an update on the budget submission and Library Director Kenney responded there was no response yet, but he had communicated the impacts of the current budget: no Sunday service, 42 hours open and a materials decrease of over 50%.

**Adjournment**

There being no more business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. on a MOTION by Trustee Summers, seconded by Trustee Haynes.



Yuki Haynes, Secretary  
Library Board of Trustees