TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS PRESENT: Kenneth F. Vey, Toby Shebiro, Emilio Susa, Graciela E. Meyers (Secretary)

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS ABSENT: Louise Sobin (President), Tharakaram Ravishankar (Vice-President), Michael Castelli (Treasurer), Gale Zeidman (Clerk and Asst. Treasurer)—all with prior notice.

LIBRARY ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF PRESENT: Andrea Meluskey (Library Director), Yolanda Phillips (Assistant Library Director), Marie Doyle-Ponsot (Administrative Assistant), Marilyn Levine (Consultant)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Miles Mott, Patron
Bobby Lee, Patron

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Kenneth Vey at 7:42 PM

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2022, JULY 13, 2022 AND JULY 18, 2022

TABLED

BILLS TO BE PAID GENERAL FUND AUGUST 2022

A listing of the General Fund Bills to be paid for August 2022 totaling $111,738.12 was reviewed.

Toby Shebiro moved approval of the August 2022 General Fund bills. Seconded by Emilio Susa.

The motion was passed as follows:
Yes: Shebiro, Susa, Vey. No: None Abstain: None
BILLS TO BE PAID
CAPITAL FUND
AUGUST 2022
A listing of the Capital Fund Bills to be paid for August 2022 totaling $842.40 was reviewed.

Emilio Susa moved approval of the August 2022 Capital Fund bills. Seconded by Toby Shebiro.

The motion was passed as follows:
Yes: Shebiro, Susa, Vey. No: None Abstain: None

FINANCIAL REPORT
JULY 2022
GENERAL FUND

The motion was passed as follows:
Yes: Shebiro, Susa, Vey. No: None Abstain: None

FINANCIAL REPORT
JULY 2022
CAPITAL FUND

The motion was passed as follows:
Yes: Shebiro, Susa, Vey. No: None Abstain: None

BANK RECONCILIATION
JUNE 2022
Toby Shebiro moved acceptance of June 2022 Bank Reconciliation prepared by Rynkar, Vail & Barrett following review by Michael Castelli Treasurer. Mr. Castelli notified Marilyn Levine (Consultant) by e-mail that there were no questions and all appeared in order. Seconded by Emilio Susa.

The motion was passed as follows:
Yes: Shebiro, Susa, Vey. No: None Abstain: None
AMENDMENT TO THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD

Toby Shebiro moved approval to authorize Ms. Meluskey to sign the Amendment to the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of North Hempstead.
Seconded by Emilio Susa.

The motion was passed as follows:
Yes: Shebiro, Susa, Vey. No: None Abstain: None

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

Emilio Susa made a motion to adopt the following Resolution.
Seconded by Toby Shebiro.

The motion was passed as follows:
Yes: Shebiro, Susa, Vey. No: None Abstain: None

WHEREAS this Board recognizes that the First Amendment of the United States Constitution protects freedom of speech, giving library users, with few exceptions, the right to seek, receive and communicate information and ideas, regardless of the medium used; and

WHEREAS this Board recognizes that the First Amendment prohibits libraries from making decisions based solely on an intent to suppress access to particular ideas, as confirmed by the United States Supreme Court in Bd. Of Educ. Of Island Trees Union Free School District v. Pico, 1982; and

WHEREAS this Board affirms ALA’s Library Bill of Rights, which states, “Library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community”; and

WHEREAS this Board affirms ALA’s Freedom to Read statement, which states, “it is in the public interest for […] librarians to make available the widest diversity of views and expressions, including those that are unorthodox [or] unpopular.” As well as ALA’s Freedom to View Statement; and
WHEREAS this Board affirms that library materials are carefully selected by professionally-trained librarians and that it is the responsibility of library staff to utilize their discretion to select library materials and coordinate programs and services without censoring access to ideas, even though such content may be controversial, unorthodox, or unacceptable to some; and

WHEREAS library users are free to choose what they want from the library’s collections and services, to reject what they don’t like, but not to restrict the freedom of others to choose;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board stands firmly opposed to attempts to obstruct intellectual freedom with regard to library collections, operations, programs, and services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board will follow the process for resolving challenges to library resources outlined in our Collection Development Policy and that this policy applies equally to all people, including, but not limited to, library users, staff, and members of this governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board will seek the advice of library professionals, legal counsel, and our constituents in decisions of consequence related to intellectual freedom.

Adopted: August 10, 2022
Board of Trustees

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Information Item(s)
Population for Library Service Area
According to the 2020 Census, the population for the Shelter Rock Public Library service area is 27,928. This is an increase of 2.72% over the 2010 Census population of 27,188 (+740)

E-rate Reimbursement – Funding Year 2021-22
NLS applies for an E-rate discount for the ILS Member Library’s Crown Castle fiber circuits for the Library’s fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. Shelter Rock has received a check for $3,040.08 for its share of the rebate.
**2023 Proposed Budget**
A draft of the Proposed Budget will be sent to the Budget Committee for review. The Budget is due to the Town by August 19th. The Library’s Budget Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 8th at 7:30 PM. A copy of the Proposed Budget will be posted on the Library’s website prior to the Public Hearing.

**Action Item(s)**

**HVAC Repairs**

Sav Mor Mechanical

1 - Quote #19983 – Make refrigerant leak repair to circuit #1 for unit designated AC-4. $4,025.00 (Custodian, Anthony Lombardo was able to obtain a 3.5% discount from the original quote of $4,172.00).

2 - Quote #19990 – Perform power washing and chemical cleaning of all condenser coils – Exception MZ-9 which was cleaned previously. $2,717.00 (Custodian, Anthony Lombardo was able to obtain a 5% discount from the original quote of $2,860.00).

Emilio Susa moved approval for HVAC Repairs as per the Sav Mor Mechanical quotes stated above.
Seconded by Toby Shebiro.

The motion was passed as follows:
Yes: Shebiro, Susa, Vey. No: None Abstain: None

**PANDEMIC RESPONSE REVIEW**

No changes will be made to the pandemic protocols at this time. Masks will remain recommended but optional.

**STATISTICAL REPORT – 2ND QUARTER**

Toby Shebiro moved acceptance of the 2022 Second Quarter Statistical Report. A copy is filed with the Minutes.
Seconded by Emilio Susa.

The motion was passed as follows:
Yes: Shebiro, Susa, Vey. No: None Abstain: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

NONE

**PERIOD OF PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

Miles Mott expressed concern regarding the delayed start of the parking lot project.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Toby Shebiro at 8:10 PM to suspend the order of business to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and contract issues. Ms. Meluskey was requested to remain.

The motion was passed as follows:
Yes: Shebiro, Susa, Vey.  No: None  Abstain: None

Emilio Susa moved to exit Executive Session at 8:28 PM
Seconded by Toby Shebiro.

The motion was passed as follows:
Yes: Shebiro, Susa, Vey.  No: None  Abstain: None

No Action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Emilio Susa.
Seconded by Toby Shebiro.

The motion was passed as follows:
Yes: Shebiro, Susa, Vey.  No: None  Abstain: None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET HEARING AND MONTHLY BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 7:30 PM
in the Library’s Community Room.

Respectfully Submitted

Graciela E. Meyers
Secretary