

## **January 3, 2023 Bayonne Library Board of Trustees Minutes.**

**7:00 pm:** President Doria called meeting to order and read the “open meeting” announcement once a quorum of members were present.

**Roll call:** (On Zoom) Maribeth Doria, Vincent Pelote, Jennifer Vecchiarelli, Ryan Blake. No members attended in-person. A quorum was met. Donna Russo entered via Zoom at 7:09 and was counted. Caroline Ulivella entered via Zoom at 7:19 and was counted.

**Agenda item: December 2022 meeting & executive session minutes.** Approval of both sets of minutes *as amended*, moved by President Doria, seconded by Vice-President Pelote, passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**Agenda item: Election of Officers.** Each current member was asked to continue their current officer role on the board and accepted. The approved officer roles are: Maribeth Doria, President; Vincent Pelote, Vice-President; Ryan Blake, Treasurer; Donna Russo, Secretary. Later in the meeting, after reviewing the board by-laws, it was pointed out by Attorney Zucker that this will be the second year of a two-year term for each member.

**Agenda item: Consideration of Resolution #23-01: RESOLUTION NAMING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE BAYONNE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 2023.** A resolution naming Jersey Journal and Bayonne Community News as official newspapers of the board was moved by President Doria, seconded by Vice-President Pelote, passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**Agenda item: Consideration of Bills list.** Approval of Bills list was moved by Treasurer Blake, seconded by President Doria, passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**Agenda item: Construction Updates.** Director Porcaro has a large organizational meeting on January 5th with all contractors and subcontractors to set dates. All contracts previously approved by the board have been signed by all parties. Director Porcaro will set a start date for the project at that meeting. Director Porcaro will close the library for 3 hours on the morning of January 13th to have an all-staff meeting regarding the project. Director Porcaro will be meeting with Hoboken and Jersey City library directors to discuss sharing services.

**Agenda item: Director’s Report.** Director Porcaro gave a report on our ongoing programs. The library has launched access to hoopla (ebook, magazine, video, and audio service) and Mango Languages (language learning app) in advance of the library service disruptions.

**Agenda item: Public Comments.** Bayonne Resident Donna Holovach would like to see more library blurbs in the Bayonne Community News, and had questions about the construction project. Bayonne Resident Gerry Nowicki is working on historical photographs.

**Meeting adjournment was moved by Secretary Russo, seconded by Vice-President Pelote, passed by unanimous voice vote at 7:38 pm.**