

**Commack Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes
February 16, 2022**

Present: Ms. Albano (Virtual), Mr. Elvezio (Virtual), Mr. Emsig (Virtual) tardy with prior excuse, Mr. Gonzalez (Virtual), Mr. Hartman (Virtual) and Ms. Rosenthal (Virtual)

Absent: Mr. Fitzgerald, with prior excuse

Guests: Mr. Robert Cohen, Esq. (Virtual)
Mr. Nicholas P. Chrysanthem, Esq. (Virtual)
Ms. Carisse Mitchell, Library School Student (Virtual)

Mr. Hartman called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Elvezio moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 18, 2022 be approved as presented. Mr. Gonzalez seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Elvezio moved that the Board enter into executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person and pending and current litigation. Mr. Gonzalez seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Emsig arrived virtually at 7:53 p.m.

Mr. Gonzalez moved that the Board re-enter into regular session at 8:19 p.m. Mr. Elvezio seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Elvezio moved that the Financial Report be accepted as presented. Mr. Gonzalez seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Emsig moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Mr. Gonzalez seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Elvezio moved that the schedule of bills in the sums of \$8,022.07 and \$66,838.68 be paid as presented. Mr. Gonzalez seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Gonzalez moved that the Director's Report be approved as presented.
Mr. Emsig seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Elvezio moved the following additional bills be paid as presented:

Employee Benefits \$55,372.96
Director's Discretionary \$648.00
Payrolls: \$70,772.51
\$68,738.19
Capital Improvement Fund: \$4,998.99

Mr. Gonzalez seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Gonzalez moved that the resignation of Jibrán Babar, part time custodial worker 1 be accepted effective January 15, 2022. Mr. Elvezio seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Emsig moved that Logan Volpe be appointed to a part time custodial worker 1 at an hourly salary of \$17.25, effective January 6, 2022, filling the vacancy created by Jibrán Babar. Mr. Elvezio seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Gonzalez moved that the Commack Public Library Board of Trustees approve the *Commack Public Library District Annual Report for Public and Association Libraries 2021*. Mr. Emsig seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Gonzalez moved that the proposed 2022-2023 budget in the amount of \$4,315,378 be adopted. Mr. Elvezio seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Gonzalez moved the following resolution:

Be it resolved that employee E0FZSDK49 is hereby deemed to have abandoned and resigned from his part-time custodial position at the Library effective immediately and the Director is authorized to send a confirming letter to the employee.

Mr. Elvezio seconded. Carried unanimously.

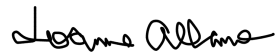
During a period of public expression, Ms. Carisse Mitchell expressed her gratitude to the Board of Trustees and Library Administration.

The date and time of the next regular special meeting, the Budget Information Meeting is Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

The date and time of the next regular meeting is Tuesday, March 22, 2022 immediately following the Budget Information Meeting.

Mr. Gonzalez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Mr. Emsig seconded. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Albano

Due to Legislation signed by Governor Hochul, dated January 15, 2022: (Bill No. A08591) extends virtual access to public meetings under New York State's Open Meetings Law, which allows New Yorkers to virtually participate in local government meetings and extends provisions of law authorizing political subdivisions to permit any public body to hold meetings remotely and without in-person access during the COVID-19 state disaster emergency. Board members are permitted to attend meetings virtually and have all voting rights.