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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date	Aug 13, 2026
Time	6:00 p.m.
Location	760 Ocean Avenue, Bohemia, NY 11716

I. Call to Order

A. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Mrs. Furfaro.

II. Roll Call

A. **Present:** President Susan Furfaro, Vice President Elizabeth Savit, Secretary Catherine Poissant, Trustee George Kreuscher, Trustee Kathleen Schmidt.

B. **Also Present:** Dr. Jason Ladick, Executive Director.

III. Disposition of Minutes

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt, to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2026 *Reorganization & Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees* as presented or as amended. **Carried 5-0.**

IV. Financial Reports

A. **Motion:** Mrs. Schmidt moved, seconded by Mrs. Savit, to approve the *Financial Reports* for July 31, 2026. **Carried 5-0.**

V. Schedule of Claims

A. **Motion:** Mrs. Poissant moved, seconded by Mr. Kreuscher, to approve the *Schedule of Claims* dated August 13, 2026 in the total amount of $663,277.52. **Carried 5-0**.

VI. Report of the Executive Director and Committee Reports

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt, to approve the recommendation of *Baldessari & Coster LLP* to expense Library collection materials rather than capitalize them, effective with the 2025-26 audit. **Carried 5-0**.

B. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt, to approve the proposal from *Park Line Asphalt Maintenance Inc., 1877 Montauk Hwy, Brookhaven, NY 11719*, to repair two roof drain lines from the front of the building to the sidewalk for $9,600, or, if necessary, repair from the building to the connection in the parking lot for $19,800. Any damage to the ground, sidewalk, or asphalt will be restored. This work will be procured as an emergency procurement in accordance with the Library's Procurement Policy. **Carried 5-0**.

C. Connetquot Central School District has remitted to the Library its portion of a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) from the *Town of Islip IDA* in the amount of $126,602.78 for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

D. *Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency* has issued the Library a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) in the amount of $27,581.07 for the second half of the 2025-26 fiscal year.

E. An update was provided on the forthcoming interior renovation project, which will include five study rooms, a passport processing office, three large meeting rooms for exercise classes, cooking demonstrations, and general use, as well as expanded restroom facilities. The project is now moving into the bidding phase, with construction anticipated to begin in November.

VII. Communications

A. None.

VIII. Old Business

A. None.

IX. New Business

A. Mrs. Savit commented favorably on an art show she attended at the Library and a concert she attended at a neighboring library.

B. Mrs. Poissant praised a class her son attended that used TinkerCAD software for 3D design. She expressed interest in seeing the program expanded into a series. She also suggested adding a list of clothing items that cannot be embroidered to the Library’s embroidery request page.

C. Mr. Kreuscher spoke highly of musical performer Mary Sollitto, who will be performing at the Library.

X. Public Comment

A. Mr. Edwin Taylor praised the librarians for booking excellent speakers for lectures. He also noted that some speakers bring their own audio amplification equipment, which he appreciates.

XI. Announcements

A. The next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. **Carried 5-0.**

Approval
Approved by the Board of Trustees on September 10, 2026.

Board Secretary

Signature: Catherine J. Rissanti

Name: Catherine J. Rissanti

Date: 09/10/2026