



Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of Meeting on April 11, 2019

- I. Call To Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Jen Musa. Trustee Dr. Ryan arrived at 6:31pm.

- II. Roll Call/Attendance
 - a. Library Trustees Present: President Jen Musa, Vice President Jo Whitney, Secretary Emilie Chang-Jackson, and Trustees Paul Del Rosso, Nadine Herceg, Dr. Jeffrey Ribner, Dr. Chris Ryan
 - b. Library Trustees Excused: Trustees J. Ciccarino and C. Brown
 - c. Library Trustees Absent: N/A
 - d. Library Staff Present: Library Director Seth Jacobus

- III. Approval of meeting agenda for April 11, 2019

MOTION: Trustee Dr. Ribner motioned to approve the agenda of the April 11, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Trustee N. Herceg. Motion carried.

YES: 7/7; President Jen Musa, Vice President Jo Whitney, Secretary Emilie Chang-Jackson, and Trustees Paul Del Rosso, Nadine Herceg, Dr. Jeffrey Ribner, Dr. Chris Ryan

NO: 0/7

- IV. Period of Public Expression: Village of Endicott Trustee Linda Jackson arrived at 7pm.

- V. Approval of minutes from March 21, 2019 meeting

MOTION: Trustee N. Herceg motioned to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Trustee J. Whitney. Motion carried.

YES: 7/7; President Jen Musa, Vice President Jo Whitney, Secretary Emilie



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NO: 0/7

VI. Manifest #11

MOTION: Trustee P. Del Rosso motioned to approve Manifest #11. Seconded by Trustee N. Herceg. Motion carried.

YES: 7/7; President Jen Musa, Vice President Jo Whitney, Secretary Emilie Chang-Jackson, and Trustees Paul Del Rosso, Nadine Herceg, Dr. Jeffrey Ribner, Dr. Chris Ryan

NO: 0/7

VII. Financial report: Reviewed the financial reports through March 2019. The revenues through March 2019 were \$1,046,446.10 and expenses were \$1,512,600.06. The library fund through March 2019 was \$1,467,322.57.

MOTION: Trustee J. Whitney motioned to approve the financial reports through March 2019. Seconded by Trustee Dr. Ribner. Motion carried.

YES: 7/7; President Jen Musa, Vice President Jo Whitney, Secretary Emilie Chang-Jackson, and Trustees Paul Del Rosso, Nadine Herceg, Dr. Jeffrey Ribner, Dr. Chris Ryan

NO: 0/7

VIII. Old Business

a. Roof – discuss: The board discussed incorporating \$5,000 into the 2019-2020 budget to fix the roof using the less expensive method.

MOTION: Trustee Dr. Ryan motioned to approve a \$5,000 line item in the 2019-2020 budget. Seconded by Trustee J Whitney. Motion carried.

YES: 7/7; President Jen Musa, Vice President Jo Whitney, Secretary Emilie



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NO: 0/7

b. YHPL-GFJ Library Joint Meeting 3/25/19 – discuss: The committees discussed how to communicate the petition to the town residents so that they understand why we are requesting an increase in taxes. They also discussed the awareness of local governments of the petition to add the vote to the ballot. The next meeting date will be scheduled once the George J. Johnson library attorney reviews all the information.

c. GFJ budgets(2020-2023) – Approve: The board discussed the proposed budgets created by various board members and Director Jacobus, and the assumptions used to create each budget proposal. All the proposed budgets assumed an increase of around \$124,722.00 in the tax levy.

MOTION: Trustee J. Whitney motioned to accept an increase of \$124,722.00 in the tax levy. Seconded by Trustee Dr. Ribner. Motion carried.

**YES: 7/7; President Jen Musa, Vice President Jo Whitney, Secretary Emilie Chang-Jackson, and Trustees Paul Del Rosso, Nadine Herceg, Dr. Jeffrey Ribner,
Dr. Chris Ryan**

NO: 0/7

d. Early Voting Location: Director Jacobus provided a tour of the library facilities to a Broome County early election representative. The library will be notified if it is picked as an early voting location later in the year.

e. Copier Lease: The library will continue with the current lease for the copier, which expires in 2021.

f. Parking Lot: Visitor Trustee Linda Jackson will ask the Village of Endicott where they stand on the library parking lot. The board discussed



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the option of scaling down the parking lot design to a less expensive design while still providing the essential functions of safety to patrons

IX. New Business

- a. Tax Cap filing-Review: Director Jacobus filed the Property Tax Form.

Whereas, the adoption of this 2019-2020 budget for the George F. Johnson Library requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the George F. Johnson Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2019-2020 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on April 11, 2019.

The 2019-2020 budget is \$1,133,618.50.

MOTION: Trustee N. Herceg motioned to approve the 2019-2020 budget of \$1,133,618.50. Seconded by Trustee Dr. Ribner. Motion carried.

YES: 7/7; President Jen Musa, Vice President Jo Whitney, Secretary Emilie Chang-Jackson, and Trustees Paul Del Rosso, Nadine Herceg, Dr. Jeffrey Ribner, Dr. Chris Ryan

NO: 0/7

X. Other Business: N/A

XI. Executive Session: N/A



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XII. Adjournment

MOTION: Trustee N. Herceg motioned for adjournment at 8:31 pm. Seconded by Trustee J. Whitney. Motion carried.

YES: 7/7; President Jen Musa, Vice President Jo Whitney, Secretary Emilie Chang-Jackson, and Trustees Paul Del Rosso, Nadine Herceg, Dr. Jeffrey Ribner, Dr. Chris Ryan

NO: 0/7

Emilie Chang-Jackson, Secretary

Date