

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021  
BABYLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

PRESENT: Gary Brunjes, Robert Brink, Debbie Young Szala, Cheryl Murphy, Vicki Lever, Director

ABSENT: Joanne Allar

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Brunjes followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes –

Motion was made to accept the Minutes of the March 30, 2021 Board meeting.  
(Brink/Murphy) Unanimous (Szala-Abstain) (Allar-Absent)

Treasurer's Report/Warrants –

Motion was made to approve the March 2021 Warrant #GF2103, Payroll Warrant 2103-1 and Payroll Warrant 2103-2, as prepared by Treasurer, Michael Castonguay.  
(Brink/Murphy) Unanimous (Allar-Absent)

Motion was made to approve checks numbered 4885 through and including 4948.  
(Szala/Murphy) Unanimous (Allar-Absent)

Director's Report –

The Director presented her report which was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Period of Public Expression -

President Brunjes offered an opportunity for a Period of Public Expression. No one was present.

Personnel Report –

Motion was made to approve the longevity payment of \$750 to Karen Sonnessa on her fifth anniversary on the staff, effective 5/30/21. (Murphy/Szala) Unanimous  
(Allar-Absent)

Motion was made to grant the Director permission to hire a part time Summer Page to assist with the Summer Reading Program at a rate of \$14.00/hour. (Brink/Szala)  
Unanimous (Allar-Absent)

Unfinished Business –

Fence Installation –

Fence installation scheduled for April 16, 2021 was postponed due to weather. A new date will be arranged.

New Business –

Adoption of FY 21/22 Operating Budget as approved by the public –

Motion was made to confirm the budget and trustee vote results of April 13, 2021. An operating budget of \$1,996,175 was approved by the voters 210 to 32, total of 242 votes. Loretta M. Chillemi was elected as a Trustee of the Library for a five-year term commencing July 1, 2021 ending June 30, 2026. (Brunjes/Murphy) Unanimous (Allar-Absent)

Memorial Banner –

Community members had asked to hang or place a memorial banner in the library to have people add the names of those in the Village who died of Covid. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to allow it to be placed in the library for the month of May noting that the library will not be responsible for anything written on the banner.

Quarantine of Books –

Vicki shared new CDC guidelines which reflect that there is less than one in ten thousand chance that people can get the Covid virus from surfaces. A discussion transpired. Items will remain in quarantine for 24 hours before being returned to shelves.

Period of Public Expression –

President Brunjes offered an opportunity for a Period of Public Expression. No one was present.

Upcoming Meeting -

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment -

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. (Brink/Murphy) Unanimous  
(Allar-Absent)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Tingo

Board Secretary