

**Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
Bernardsville Public Library
July 10, 2007**

Attendance: Stephanie Wallace, President; Donald Burset; Russ Giglio; Jim Kellett; John McCrossan; Lucy Orfan; Dennis Reznick and Terry Thompson. Peter Miller was absent. Karen Brodsky, Executive Director, Bernardsville Public Library, and Tom Shea, President of the Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library (“Friends”), were also present.

Stephanie Wallace called the Board of Trustees (“Board”) meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and read the Open Meeting Notice.

Public Participation: Tom Shea reported that the bids for the circulation desk project had come in over the estimates and that the contractors and architect had been unable to revise them downward to fit the Friends’ budget. The project will be reviewed by the Friends’ Executive Committee on July 11 and then by the Friends’ board on July 18, when a decision will be made on continuing with the project. Mrs. Wallace asked that the Friends revisit the Wall of Honor concept, which Mr. Shea agreed to do.

Minutes: Mrs. Wallace moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2007, as submitted; Jim Kellett seconded the motion, which carried.

Director’s Report: Karen Brodsky presented highlights from and additions to her report, as follows:

- Clarence Dillon Public Library has not yet reached a decision on participating in the digitization project for *The Bernardsville News*. She noted that she had had an email inquiring about the digitization project from someone who read our minutes on line.
- The Friends have asked for ideas for library support projects that might be presented to attract donors; the Board discussed the draft list supplied as Appendix D to the Board package, and decided to remove the suggestions of videoconferencing equipment for the present. These do not represent projects that the Board itself would undertake, merely examples to present to possible donors.
- Ms. Brodsky noted that the Technology Plan had been updated and revised to take account of the lack of borough capital funding and to reach into 2009.
- Finally, Ms. Brodsky noted that she will be on vacation during the period July 19-25, to move to her new residence, and that she is resuming the use of her maiden name since her marriage has ended. We expressed our sympathy and concern that she is going through a difficult time in her life. John McCrossan asked if Ms. Brodsky would let the Borough staff know of the name change, and she agreed to do so.

Treasurer’s Report: Again, there is little to highlight in the Treasurer’s Report, and no unusual bills.¹ Mr. McCrossan asked if the shortfall shown in the borough’s payments would be made up, and Mr. Kellett said that the first two appropriations were always estimates and the amount is made up in the second half of the year. Donald Burset moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report, to pay the new bills

¹ There is an old Catalan farewell, “May no new thing arise”, which seems particularly appropriate for the Treasurer’s Report.

received from July 1 to 10 and to ratify the payment of bills received and paid from June 13-30. Russ Giglio seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Reports:

There were no standing committee meetings this month, but each of the standing committees is planning to try to meet before the August board meeting.

Communications: none.

Old Business: The Board discussed the Borough Council meeting of July 11, and agreed that one more meeting between Karen Brodsky, Ralph Maresca and Jim Kellett (and a council representative if one wished to attend) would be necessary to get the table that the council reviewed in final form, with some kind of inflation additive. Karen and Jim will try to accomplish this to present to the council at its August 13 meeting. Mr. Burset moved to delegate to Jim and Karen the authority to approve the final table of responsibilities and to present it to the council; Dennis Reznick seconded the motion, which carried. We thanked John McCrossan for his vigorous and persuasive advocacy the previous night. Councilman Landau attempted to introduce his proposed ordinance to govern library maintenance spending, but did not draw sufficient votes to introduce it. Mrs. Wallace clarified for Mr. Reznick that the Board's request for a second opinion on the validity of the proposed ordinance had been in the draft statement, but was removed from the final version circulated to the borough council.

New Business: The Board agreed to give at least one book to the library's collection in memory of former Board member Joan Buchanan; Ms. Brodsky suggested a book on women in business. The Board will contribute the funds at its next meeting.

At 6:51 pm., Mr. Burset moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Giglio and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Thompson, Secretary