

**Minutes of Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Bernardsville Public Library
May 14, 2007**

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

Stephanie Wallace called the Board of Trustees (“Board”) meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and read the special Open Meeting Notice (see attached Agenda). Terry Thompson then moved that it was necessary to conduct the special meeting. Donald Buset seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote. This vote also constituted the roll call.

Public Participation: none

Stephanie Wallace discussed the draft statement prepared for presentation on behalf of the Board of Trustees at the Borough Council meeting scheduled for May 14, 2007 at 7 pm. Jim Kellett moved approval of the statement as the Board’s statement. Donald Buset seconded the motion, which carried with four members voting in favor of approval and Peter Miller abstaining.

Peter Miller then moved to adjourn the meeting; Jim Kellett seconded the motion, which carried, and the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Thompson, Secretary

It is noted that the agenda refers to “draft ordinances”; the reference should have been to “a draft resolution and a draft ordinance”. I believe that all persons present at the special Board meeting recognized that the Borough Council could be acting on a draft resolution and a draft ordinance, since each had a copy of the draft resolution and the draft ordinance. T.T.

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Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees
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AGENDA

I. Notice of Meeting:

Adequate notice of this meeting was not provided because the meeting was called on Sunday, May 13 at 9:01 PM, pursuant to draft ordinances being handed to library director Karen Yannetta on the afternoon of Thursday, May 10. Confirmation of the agenda was not received until Friday, May 11 at 12:11 PM and no ordinance was listed on the agenda. Further information was later received from Mayor Lee Honecker at 4:26 PM, precipitating the need for a Library Board of Trustees meeting.

Since the Borough Council meeting where the ordinances will be discussed is taking place on Monday, May 14 at 7:00 PM and since passage of those ordinances would immediately and adversely impact the ability to fund library services, the Board deemed that provision of adequate notice would be likely to result in substantial harm to the public interest.

Therefore, in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act (c.231, P.L. 1975), written notice of this emergency meeting has been sent to the following newspapers on May 14, 2007: The Bernardsville News, the Courier News, and the Star-Ledger. Written notice has also been sent to the Borough Clerk and posted on the Library bulletin board. Notice of the meeting was posted on the library website on Sunday, May 13 at 9:30 PM.

II. Roll Call

III. Discussion of statement for Borough Council meeting tonight

IV. Motion to Adjourn