

**Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
Bernardsville Public Library
October 17, 2006**

Attendance: All members were present. Karen Yannetta, Executive Director, Bernardsville Public Library, and Lorette Cheswick, president of the Bernardsville Library Association (“BLA”) and public gardens chair of the Bernardsville Garden Club, were also present.

Stephanie Wallace called the Board of Trustees (“Board”) meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and read the Open Meeting Notice.

Public Participation: Mrs. Cheswick said that the BLA was moving forward on the Circulation Desk/Technical Services Area remodeling, waiting for bid documents from the architect and also for insurance quotations. She also thanked the Board for its contributions to the BLA Annual Fund. Mrs. Cheswick reported for the Garden Club that the club would plant the entire Anderson Road hillside at the library. The Board was enthusiastic about this. We also discussed briefly the reception that the Board will have for to the BLA at 6:30 pm on November 8 at the library, before the BLA Annual Meeting.

Minutes: Mrs. Orfan moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2006 as amended; Mr. Parsons seconded the motion, which carried.

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

- Mrs. Yannetta told the board that reading the New Jersey Library Organizations chart and the descriptive materials permitted each of us to fulfill his or her continuing education obligation for 2006.
- The parking limit signs were installed in the parking lot on October 16. Mrs. Yannetta expressed some concern that the local history volunteers were not given individual permits, but will wait to see if any problems occur.
- After a discussion of foregone staff vacation days, the Policy Committee agreed to consider whether a mandatory minimum vacation policy should be recommended to the Board.
- The Board discussed the proposed calendar for 2007, and adopted it with the following changes:

Closed on Good Friday, consistent with Somerset Hills School District.

Open on Veterans’ Day

Open the day after Christmas (Boxing Day in Great Britain).

Closed on New Year’s Eve

- Mrs. Yannetta called the Board’s particular attention to the value analysis of the library and its services, performed using the New Jersey State Library model, demonstrating that the library is returning 665% on its total investment.

Treasurer’s Report: Mr. Kellett presented the Treasurer’s Report and the bills. Mayor Parsons moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report, to pay the new bills received from October 1 to 17 and to ratify the

payment of bills received and paid from September 19 to 30, 2006. Mr. Giglio seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Mr. Kellett reported that the minimum amount of funding the Borough must provide for the 2007 Library budget has been confirmed by the State Library. The amount is \$849,770, which represents a 7.27% increase over 2006.

Personnel: no report.

Long Range Planning: no report.

Policy: Mmes. Orfan and Thompson described the meeting held on October 5 with Audrey and Bill Woodson, Jerry Fischer and Lorette Cheswick to discuss the "Wall of Honor" concept for future gift recognition.

Communications: none.

Old Business: Mr. Burset, for the Long Range Planning committee which is dealing with the building maintenance issues with the borough, described its meeting with the Borough Council's Public Works Committee on October 16, with input from the other members. The "meeting" turned out to be essentially a diatribe against the statutory funding of the library from borough taxes, coupled with three separate accusations of bad faith directed at the library, delivered by Councilman Landau. Messrs. Dooley and Honecker, the other members of the Public Works Committee, and Mr. Maresca, the Borough Manager, were essentially silent. Although both we and Mr. Honecker attempted to present the background of the serious problems resulting from construction decisions, Mr. Landau was unwilling to discuss anything but his prejudged formula for maintenance funding, or to listen to what anyone else had to say. We left after an hour with no plans for further meetings.

Mrs. Yannetta volunteered to contact Mr. Maresca to attempt to reopen the maintenance discussion, and Mr. Burset volunteered to speak to Mr. Dooley with the same intention.

New Business: After discussion, Ms. Thompson moved to approve a request to the BLA to fund as much of the Technical Plan as is reasonably possible; Mr. Kellett seconded the motion, which carried.

Mrs. Wallace reminded of the party for the BLA on November 8 at 6:30 pm at the library, and the party for the library staff on November 10 at 5 pm at Ms. Thompson's home, 79 Mine Mount Road. Mrs. Cheswick graciously offered extra parking for November 10, in her driveway at 93 Mine Mount Road, next door to Ms. Thompson.

Mayor Parsons moved to adjourn the meeting at 7 pm. Mrs. Orfan seconded the motion, which carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Thompson, Secretary