

**Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
Bernardsville Public Library
April 15, 2008**

Attendance: Pete Miller was absent. Tom Shea, President of the Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library (“Friends”) and Karen Brodsky, Executive Director, Bernardsville Public Library, 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: Mr. Shea said that the Friends’ fund drive had collected about \$40,000 to date, which is typical of the level of collection and will allow funding of the Friend’s budget for the library, although not at the maximum amount. The Friends have decided to reactivate the purchase and installation of commemorative bricks for the patio and have found a new supplier whose bricks will match the old ones. Ms. Thompson suggested that before beginning the project, the Friends should check with the Borough Council, as the building and its surroundings belong to the borough.

Minutes: Mr. Kellett moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 18, as amended; Mr. Giglio seconded the motion, which carried.

Director’s Report: Karen Brodsky presented a few highlights from and one addition to her report, as follows:

- Felipe Labastida was very touched and pleased at the Board’s recognition of his fifth anniversary of service.
- The internet service was down today, and the automatic rollover to Patriot Media did not take place.
- The sewer pipe blockage affecting the restrooms was due to the pitch of the sewer connection pipe, and was resolved by cleaning out the blockage. This will apparently recur. Mr. McCrossan said that the borough had just authorized the purchase of a special camera for locating line problems in the borough’s system, which might be of assistance in locating the problem.
- Ms. Brodsky again asked the board about its interest in hearing the presentations being offered to the Friends.
- The Board was pleased to learn about the new proactive preventive maintenance program for the roof, which may address the leakages in the rotunda area and entranceway.
- The patio furniture has been moved indoors for the time being. When the benches are replaced the replacements will be set into the pavement.
- We are planning to pay bills electronically; the Quickbooks system can substitute for the double signature requirement, according to Mr. Kellett.

Treasurer’s Report: Mr. Kellett presented the Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Giglio moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report, to pay the new bills received from April 1-15, 2008 and to ratify the payment of bills received and paid from March 19-31, 2008. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Reports: none

Communications: Annette Manthey thanked us for her anniversary remembrance.

Old Business: Mr. McCrossan reported that the Borough Council had approved the capital request for the lighting replacement project on the previous evening. He also described a county grant program for municipal energy audits that may allow us to go forward with the solar roof panels after the grants are awarded and the audit completed. We have not yet heard back from the Chief of Police on the unattended children issues.

New Business: Ms. Brodsky is looking into replacing the benches with some that are less expensive than those we lost.

Executive Session: At 6:05 pm, Ms. Thompson moved to go into executive session; Mr. Burset seconded the motion, which carried. At 6:10 pm, Ms. Thompson moved to end the executive session; Mrs. Wallace seconded the motion, which carried, and the public meeting continued.

Ms. Southworth announced that we would be receiving a new flag for the 9/11 memorial, courtesy of Representative Ferguson.

Executive Session: At 6:17 pm, Mrs. Wallace moved to go into executive session; Ms. Thompson seconded the motion, which carried. At 6:35 pm, Ms. Wallace moved to end the executive session; Mr. Burset seconded the motion, which carried.

At 6:36 pm, Ms. Southworth moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Burset seconded the motion, which carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Thompson, Secretary