The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library was called to order on Wednesday, January 15 at 7:08 p.m.

Members present were Roberta Newman, Emily Schreiber, Karolyn Hertzberg and member Wendy Forgash. Robert Botwin was absent with prior notice due to illness. Director Maureen Garvey was present, as was visitor Gary Hertzan, C.P.A. for the Bellmore Memorial Library.

The minutes of December 2013 were read. An amendment to the minutes to include names of members who attended a presentation from New York Rising was made. They are: Emily Schreiber and Wendy Forgash along with Director Garvey. Amended minutes were accepted and approved unanimously on a motion by Emily Schreiber and seconded by Roberta Newman.

The Financial Report for December 2013 was read and unanimously approved on a motion by Roberta Newman, seconded by Wendy Forgash and unanimously approved. The bills for the month of December 2013 in the amount of $100,208.32 were approved on a motion by Karolyn Hertzberg, seconded by Roberta Newman and unanimously approved.

Payrolls for the period ending December 5, 2013 in the amount of $52,851.13 and for the period ending December 19, 2013 in the amount of $47,594.69 were approved on a motion by Wendy Forgash, seconded by Karolyn Hertzberg and unanimously approved.

The Director’s Report
The report was read and acknowledged.

Old Business
Gary Hertzan, C.P.A. for the Bellmore Memorial Library reviewed the Financial Statement for the period ended December 31, 2013. Mr. Hertzan and Director Garvey presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-15; a discussion by the Board ensued. A motion to approve the proposed budget in the amount of $2,738,845.00, $2,772,313.00 of which is to be raised by taxation was made by
Emily Schreiber, seconded by Roberta Newman and unanimously passed. This represents a 3.5% increase.

New Business
A motion was made by Emily Schreiber to table the agenda until the next meeting, seconded by Roberta Newman and unanimously passes.

Personnel
The Bellmore Memorial Library Staff Association represented by Liz Gifkins, Valerie Acklin and Glen Groth met with the Board and presented a counter-proposal to their contract. All concerns were eloquently expressed and taken under consideration. Upon consideration by the Board a counter-offer will be made to the Staff Association.

Adjournment
A motion was made to adjourn by Roberta Newman and seconded by Emily Schreiber at 9:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Karolyn Hertzberg
Secretary