The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library was called to order on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 7:10 p.m.

Members present were Roberta Newman, Emily Schreiber, Wendy Forgash, Bob Botwin and Karolyn Hertzberg. Director Maureen Garvey was present, as was visitor Gary Hertzan, C.P.A. for the Bellmore Memorial Library.

The minutes of November 2013 were read. Minutes were accepted and approved unanimously on a motion by Emily Schreiber and seconded by Robert Botwin.

The Financial Report for November 2013 was read and unanimously approved on a motion by Wendy Forgash and seconded by Emily Schreiber. The bills for the month of November 2013 in the amount of $57,623.22 were approved on a motion by Robert Botwin, seconded by Karolyn Hertzberg and unanimously approved.
Payrolls for the period ending November 7, 2013 in the amount of $53,080.85 and for the period ending November 21, 2013 in the amount of $55,015.00 were approved on a motion by Wendy Forgash, seconded by Karolyn Hertzberg and unanimously approved.

The Director’s Report
Maureen Garvey gave her monthly report.

a) Overall maintenance has been done to the building to make the heating system more efficient. The legislative grant from Dave Denenberg’s office should cover these costs.
b) The 50th Anniversary of the Dr. Who Show was a tremendous success.
c) Director Garvey is researching getting an AED device for the library.
d) Emily Schreiber and Wendy Forgash attended a presentation from New York Rising along with Director Garvey at the Norman J. Levy Lakeside School.
e) Liz Gifkins was commended by Director Garvey and the Board Members as well for all her efforts and success with our Open House and holiday party. She warmly welcomes all visitors and is truly an asset to our library.

Executive Session
The board went into Executive Session at 7:43 to discuss staff association proposals, budget and financial issues. The board came out of executive session at 8:25 p.m. A motion was made by Bob Botwin and seconded by Wendy Forgash to award a stipend of $1,000.00, pro-rated for part-timers, to the staff for FY 2014-15, and to anticipate giving the staff a salary increase equal to the NYS Tax Cap for FY 2015-16 and 2016-17. The Board declined to increase the unused sick time reimbursement amount and the percentage of family health insurance premium paid by the library for employees with family coverage. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business
A motion was made to pass a resolution to exceed the 2% tax cap if needed by Wendy Forgash, seconded by Emily Schreiber and unanimously passed.

Whereas, the adoption of the 2014-15 budget for the Bellmore Memorial Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and
Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it
Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2014-15 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on January 19, 2012.

Communications
Pat Gleiberman shared pictures from the Edible Houses Teen Workshop and showcased many teens enjoying our new young adult area in the main part of the library.

Adjournment
A motion was made to adjourn by Emily Schreiber and seconded by Robert Botwin to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Karolyn Hertzberg
Secretary