The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library was called to order on August 18, 2015 at 7:12 p.m.

Members present were Robert Botwin, Wendy Forgash, Robert Paz, and Emily Schreiber. Director Maureen Garvey and Secretary to the Board Marie Simoneschi were also present. Absent from the meeting was board member Roberta Newman.

Approval of Minutes:
The Minutes of the July 21, 2015 were read and approved on a motion by Robert Paz and seconded by Robert Botwin. The motion passed unanimously.

The Financial Report:
The Financial Report for July 2015 was read and approved on a motion by Wendy Forgash and seconded by Robert Botwin. The motion passed unanimously.

Payroll for the pay period ending 7/16/15 was $53,797.26 and for the period ending 7/30/15 was $54,390.20. Bills totaling $113,637.88 were unanimously approved on a motion by Emily Schreiber and seconded by Robert Paz.

The Director’s Report:
The Director’s Report was read and discussed.

Old Business:
Walker Painting has begun painting the children’s room. When the painting is finished the carpeting and tile will be installed.

Director Maureen Garvey met with the local Fire Marshall, and the library’s insurance agent to get their suggestions regarding the new Fire Safety door that will be installed in the children’s room. The door will be alarmed and a security camera will be installed in that section of the building.

The library was notified that we’d been awarded a New York State Construction Grant for the renovation of the compact storage area. It will cover approximately 30% of the cost of creating the Meeting Room.

New Business:
Upon recommendation from auditors Baldessari & Coster LLP the Library will engage USI Consulting Group to complete the GASB 45 portion of the 2015 audit.
Communications:
The Bellmore Memorial Library was front page news in the Bellmore Herald Life August 13 edition. The two-page story covered the Will Eisner Grant award.

Director Maureen Garvey had an article published in JLAMS a NYLA Journal. This edition was dedicated to libraries and library staff and the role they played after Super Storm Sandy. Director Garvey wrote about the role the library played in Serving the Community after a Natural Disaster.

State Senator Michael Venditto sent a thank you to the library for hosting a Property Tax Exemption Workshop on August 5th.

Elmont Library will host a breakfast with the legislators on September 25th. Director Maureen Garvey and available board members will attend.

Executive Session:
The board went into executive session at 8:08 p.m. The board came out of executive session at 8:25.

Personnel:
A motion was made by Wendy Forgash and seconded by Emily Schreiber to compensate Librarian Patricia Gleiberman for all allowable unused sick and vacation time. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Robert Paz and seconded by Robert Botwin to give Glenn Groth an increase in salary. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Robert Paz and seconded by Robert Botwin to appoint Barbara Lipari as a non-competitive part time clerk. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Wendy Forgash to purchase smart phones for Thomas Lanigan and Philip Lanigan to be used at their discretion. The motion was seconded by Robert Botwin and passed unanimously.

Announcements:
The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on September 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:
A motion to adjourn was made by Emily Schreiber and seconded by Robert Paz at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Simoneschi
Secretary to the Board