The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library was called to order on September 8, 2015 at 7:12 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes:
The Minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting were read and approved on a motion by Wendy Forgash and seconded by Roberta Newman.

The Financial Report:
The Financial Report was not available for the September 2015 meeting.

Payroll for the period ending 8/13/15 was $73,520.36. Bills totaling $45,105.47 were unanimously approved on a motion by Wendy Forgash and seconded by Robert Botwin.

The Directors Report:
The report was read and discussed.

Old Business:
The Board discussed redoing or replacing the benches on the library’s property. It was suggested that an annual donation be used for landscaping.

New Business:
The results from a recent patron survey was largely positive. Director Maureen Garvey will try to contact patrons who had suggestions for improvements.
The new Tech Tuesday has had a slow start. Hopefully as word spreads about the program attendance will go up.

Director Garvey explained that the NYS Dept. of Taxation called and said that, since the 2015-16 budget did not exceed the tax cap, Bellmore Memorial Library patrons will be eligible for a rebate, but the Board would have to rescind the tax-cap override resolution, if one was made at the time the budget was approved. However, when the Board approved the 2015-16 budget at the December, 2014 Board meeting, it was with
the proviso that the budget would comply with the tax cap, and would be adjusted downward if the final cap was less than the 1.7% used to calculate the budget. The proviso was necessary because the state had not yet confirmed what the cap would be. As it turned out, NYS kept the cap at 1.7% and the 2015-16 budget did not exceed that cap.

The library telephone service has been changed from Verizon to Optimum. Although pricing is comparable, the library is looking for better customer service.

The 2015 Children’s Summer Reading program had double the 2014 registration.

The new Mondo Pad has been delivered and set up. The Pad can be used for our Real Chat program, skyping with authors, video games, etc.

Communications:

A letter was received from the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless, thanking the library for participating in the “Supply our Students’ drive this year.

A patron sent an email complimenting the read-to-a-dog program in the children’s room.

Patron Dorothy Andrews sent a letter complimenting Reference Page Zuri Vallejo for her helpfulness.

Announcements:

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on October 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Paz and seconded by Robert Botwin at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Simoneschi, Secretary to the Board