The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library was called to order on August 21, 2018 at 7:09 p.m.

Members present were Peter Pagones, Robert Paz, Emily Schreiber, Wendy Forgash and Roberta Newman. Director Elaine Cummings-Young and Secretary to the Board Marie Simoneschi were also present.

The Board of Trustees received a letter from a Bellmore patron complimenting Librarian Martha DiVittorio for her in depth research and talented facilitation of the book club, Books Sandwiched In.

The Minutes of the July 17, 2018 Reorganization Meeting were read and approved on a motion by Robert Paz and seconded by Peter Pagones. The motion passed unanimously.

The Minutes of the July 17, 2018 Board Meeting were amended and approved on a motion by Wendy Forgash, and seconded by Emily Schreiber. The motion passed unanimously.

The Financial Report for July 2018 was reviewed by the Board. Emily Schreiber made a motion to accept the Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Roberta Newman and passed unanimously.

Bills totaling $3795.68 paid between July 24, 2018 and July 31, 2018, and bills totaling $100,092.44 for the month of August 2018 were approved on a motion made by Wendy Forgash and seconded by Robert Paz. The motion passed unanimously.

Payroll for the period ending 7/12/18 was $58,017.32. Payroll for the period ending 7/26/18 was $56,817.04.

The Director’s Report was read and discussed.
Roberta Newman made a motion to approve the amended Child Safety Policy and Unsupervised Child Procedures Policy. The motion was seconded by Robert Paz and passed unanimously.

Peter Pagones made a motion for the purchase and installation of a new Fire Panel at a cost not to exceed $7,500.00. The motion was seconded by Roberta Newman and passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed a schedule of insurance issued by the Salerno Agency, for policies that are renewing in September 2018.

Director Elaine Cummings-Young advised the Board about a new emergency alert system that will soon be available to Nassau County Libraries. The Rave Panic Button is a mobile application that immediately notifies staff, who have downloaded the app, and law enforcement in the event of an emergency. The Director also advised that there is another new product being offered free to libraries. NewsGuard is a browser plug-in that is being used to combat false news, misinformation and disinformation. The plug-in can be installed on any computer. The intention is for this product to be used on the public computers. Our library’s attorney, Peter Fishbein, is reviewing an agreement requested by NewsGuard.

The next Board Meeting will be held on September 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:36 p.m. Emily Schreiber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Wendy Forgash.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Simoneschi
Secretary to the Board of Trustees