The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library was called to order on June 16, 2020 at 7:10 p.m. by Board President Wendy Forgash.

Since the library was closed due to Covid-19, notices were posted on the library’s entranceways and website advising the Public that they can join the meeting via Go-To-Meetings.

According to Open Meeting Law the meeting was recorded.

Joining the meeting remotely were Board Members Peter Pagones, Robert Paz, Emily Schreiber, Roberta Newman and Wendy Forgash. Director Elaine Cummings-Young, and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Marie Simoneschi, also joined the meeting remotely.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications:

The library staff continues to call library patrons. To date 2000 phone calls have been made by the library staff.

The Minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion made by Roberta Newman, that was seconded by Peter Pagones. The motion passed unanimously.

The Minutes of the June 2, 2020 (Board Meeting to Address Concerns of the Coronavirus) were approved on a motion made by Roberta Newman, subject to correction. The motion was seconded by Peter Pagones and passed unanimously.

The Financial Report was accepted on a motion made by Emily Schreiber, which was seconded by Robert Paz and passed unanimously.

Peter Pagones made a motion to approve bills for the month of May 2020, Emily Schreiber seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Director’s Report:

The Director’s Report was read and acknowledged.

Library statistics were reviewed.

Old Business:

Director Elaine Cummings Young presented estimates she received from NY Lounge Décor and Young Equipment for sneeze guards around the public desks and public computers. She advised the Board that
it has been difficult to obtain a third estimate due to the demand of this work during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Peter Pagones made a motion to continue the bidding process for sneeze guards for one more week at which time if there are no suitable bidders the Board will make a decision on the existing bids. Emily Schreiber seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

New Business:

Roberta Newman made a motion to amend the Resolution on Altered Operations in Response to Covid-19 dated April 21, 2020 by omitting the following provision, “BML will suspend weekend hours until further notice.” Peter Pagones seconded the motion which passed unanimously. As a result of the motion, the library will immediately resume Summer weekend hours.

Robert Paz made a motion to approve the H2M Proposal for Professional Services: Vestibule Improvements. Peter Pagones seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Roberta Newman made a motion to approve Salary Steps for eligible employee effective 7/1/20. The motion was seconded by Emily Schreiber and passed unanimously.

Executive Session:

At 8:02 p.m. Peter Pagones made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Robert Paz.

At 8:10 p.m. the Board exited Executive Session on a motion by Peter Pagones that was seconded by Robert Paz.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on July 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:11 p.m. Roberta Newman made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Robert Paz and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Simoneschi
Secretary to the Board of Trustees