The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President, Emily Schreiber.

Attendance:

Emily Schreiber, Board President
Peter Pagones, Trustee
Mary Stephenson, Trustee
Roberta Newman, Trustee
Elaine Cummings-Young, Director
Marie Simoneschi, Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Al Coster, Baldessari & Coster LLP
Edward Osokowich, Trustee Candidate

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Peter Pagones made a motion to appoint Edward Osokowich as a Trustee to fulfill the unexpired term of Wendy Forgash. Mary Stephenson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Peter Pagones made a motion to re-order the agenda to review the 2022 internal audit with Al Coster of Baldessari & Coster. Roberta Newman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Communications:

Complimentary emails were received from programmers, thanking Chris H & Philip Lanigan.
Peter Pagones made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 2023 meeting. Roberta Newman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

After Board review, Mary Stephenson made a motion to accept the January 2023 Financial Report. Peter Pagones seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Bills totaling $224,432.95 for the month of February 2023 were approved on a motion made by Mary Stephenson. Roberta Newman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Payroll for the period ending 1/19/23 was $58,454.33. 
Payroll for the period ending 2/2/23 was $61,033.29. 
Payroll for the period ending 2/16/23 was $57,988.17.

The Director’s Report was read and acknowledged.

Library statistics were reviewed.

Old Business:

An application regarding landmark status of the Gouin-Lawrence-Graber house in Bellmore was discussed. A motion to support the application was a 2-2 draw. Therefore, the motion did not pass. The application will be discussed again at the March 2023 meeting.

Presentations by interior designers at the January 2023 meeting for the Reading Room Renovations were discussed.

Peter Pagones made a motion to retain BBS Architects for the interior design renovations of the Reading Room. Mary Stephenson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

New Business:

Peter Pagones made a motion to accept the room application for Hadassah. Roberta Newman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.
Peter Pagones made a motion to appoint Gabrielle Mayorga as a full-time librarian trainee effective January 23, 2023. Roberta Newman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Director Elaine Cummings-Young discussed the need for window replacements on the 2nd floor, on the west side of the building. The windows leak from rain and puddles develop on the windows sills, causing buckling. The Board agreed that we should look into replacing the windows.

The Board of Elections approached the library requesting its use as an Early Voting Polling Place. After discussion the Board was in favor of the library being used as an Early Voting place. The director will contact the Board of Elections and look into specific requirements. If the requirements are feasible the director will move forward and schedule with the Board of Elections.

At 8:54 p.m. Peter Pagones made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. Mary Stephenson seconded the motion that passed unanimously. At 9:03 p.m. Peter Pagones made a motion to exit Executive Session. Roberta Newman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next Board Meeting will be held on March 21, 2023. at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:07 p.m. Roberta Newman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter Pagones seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Simoneschi
Secretary to the Board of Trustees