The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library was called to order on January 18, 2022 at 7:10 p.m.

Attendance:
Peter Pagones, Board President
Emily Schreiber, Trustee (virtual)
Roberta Newman, Trustee (virtual)
Wendy Forgash, Trustee (virtual)
Mary Stephenson, Trustee
Elaine Cummings-Young, Library Director
Marie Simoneschi, Secretary to the Board of Trustees was absent with prior notice.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Peter Pagones made a motion to appoint Mary Stephenson to the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library to fulfill the unexpired term of retired trustee Robert Paz. Wendy Forgash seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mary Stephenson’s oath of office was administered by Peter Pagones.

The Minutes of the December 21, 2021 and the Minutes from the January 6, 2022 Special Meeting were approved on a motion made by Emily Schreiber. The motion was seconded by Wendy Forgash and passed unanimously.

After Board review, Emily Schreiber made a motion to accept the December 2021 Financial Report. Roberta Newman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Bills totaling $104,105.00 for the month of January 2022 were approved on a motion by Wendy Forgash. Emily Schreiber seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Payroll for the period ending 12/23/2021 was $63,179.55
Payroll for the period ending 01/06/2022 was $60,720.01.

The Director’s Report was read and acknowledged. Library statistics were reviewed.
Old Business:

Wendy Forgash made a motion to approve the below Resolution subject to inserting the date of the incident, 12/2/21.

**RESOLUTION**

Whereas, Philip Lanigan is an employee of the Library who on 12/2/2021 was engaged in Library business when he was involved in an incident with his automobile; and

Whereas, Mr. Lanigan has offered to release the Library from any and all claims associated with the incident in exchange for the Library paying the reasonable repair costs for the damage to his vehicle resulting from the incident; and

Whereas, the agreement between the Library and Mr. Lanigan is annexed hereto; and

Whereas, Mr. Lanigan provided three written repair estimates for the damage to his vehicle and the estimate in the amount of $1,632.09 provided by Merrick Collision & Towing located at 36 Broadway, Bellmore, New York, 11710 is the lowest estimate; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library, that the terms of the attached agreement are hereby approved by this resolution and the Director is hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

Roberta Newman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

New Business:

The Board discussed scheduling the 2022-2023 Budget and Trustee Vote. Due to the pandemic the previous two votes were held in conjunction with the Bellmore Union Free School District’s vote. However, a discussion was held regarding a return to the library holding its own vote.

Emily Schreiber made a motion to hold the Bellmore Memorial Library’s 2022-2023 Budget and Trustee vote independent from the school district’s vote. Roberta Newman seconded the motion and it passed with one abstention.

Tentatively the date of the vote was scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Director Cummings-Young will speak to the District Clerk to confirm the date.

Peru Andino submitted an application to use the Community Room for rehearsals. Due to the library’s limited space and the fact that the organization has no Bellmore resident members the Board decided against approving the application. Wendy Forgash made a motion to not approve Peru Andino’s room application. Mary Stephenson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.
Effective Monday December 13th Governor Hochul instituted a mask mandate. The mandate was extended to February 2, 2022. Masks are required to be worn in all indoor public places unless a vaccine requirement is implemented. As discussed the library must adhere to this ruling and therefore will continue to follow the CDC guidelines requiring a mask be worn by all staff and patrons due to the high transmission levels in Nassau County.

At 8:36 p.m. Wendy Forgash made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Emily Schreiber seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

At 9:11 p.m. Emily Schreiber made a motion to exit Executive Session. Roberta Newman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next Board Meeting will be held on March 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:14 p.m. Roberta Newman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Emily Schreiber seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Cummings-Young
Library Director