

**DEER PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**
Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 7:00pm

MINUTES

Present: Justin Belkin, President
William Celona, Trustee
John Gagliano, Trustee
Mike Gonzalez, Trustee
Anne Cognato, Trustee Elect

Richard Rapecis, Library Director

Excused: Susan Zapata, Business Manager

Joe Houser, Community Member
Joe Taszi, Community Member
Jacqueline Wimbush, Community Member
Margie Russo, Community Member
(others)

CALL TO ORDER

Justin Belkin called the meeting to order at 7:03pm, and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
EXPRESSION**

Community members discussed library programming, and volunteer opportunities.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Upon a motion by William Celona, seconded by John Gagliano, the Board approved the minutes of the meetings of May 1, 2023 and May 15, 2023.

**FINANCIAL
MATTERS**

Upon a motion by John Gagliano, seconded by William Celona, the Board approved the current bills and Treasurer's Report.

PROGRAMMING

The Trustees requested that for adult programs, registrants would be permitted to register only themselves and one other person.

The Trustees requested consideration be given to engaging a vendor to provide trips for interested library customers.

**BUILDING
MATTERS**

The Board discussed demolition concerning the property at 75 East 5th Street. Upon motion by John Gagliano, seconded by Mike Gonzalez, engagement of J&R Long Island Industries, Inc. was added to the agenda. Approval of J&R Estimate of \$37,500 was approved on motion by William Celona, seconded by Mike Gonzalez.

The Board discussed the fence at the border of the property at 75 East 5th Street.

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PERSONNEL

The Board tabled hiring of Ruth Evans as part time security guard. The Board requested that information concerning candidacy be provided.

**BUSINESS
MATTERS**

The Board discussed security (collateralization) agreement possibilities with regard to deposits at 1st National Bank of Long Island. The Board agreed to continue with the current agreement.

The Director advised the Board of a recent invoice by, and interactions with Spectrotel.

OTHER

The Board reviewed statistics and incidents reports.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board is scheduled to meet on June 28, 2023. Upon motion by William Celona, seconded by Mike Gonzalez the meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Rapecis