

CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EMERGENCY MEETING – Thursday, June 3, 2021

An emergency meeting of the Cranford Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Board President, Pat Pavlak, at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Present:

Trustees: Pat Pavlak, Arline McCloskey, Beth Rees, Mai Reitmeyer, Susan Burke, Wayne Hayes, Matthew Jackson, Kate Rappa,

Staff: Michael Maziekien

Absent: Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty, Judy Klimowicz

Members of the Public: None

Open Public Meeting Announcement:

An emergency meeting of the Cranford Public Library Board of Trustees will be held via the Zoom teleconferencing platform on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be held solely to discuss and take action on a Resolution of Intent to Provide Matching Funds Pursuant to the Rules Governing the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act, and meets the standards for emergency meetings outlined in New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act. Board members and members of the public can attend by following the link below, or dialing (646) 876-9923 and entering the Webinar ID 885 3980 4407.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88539804407>

According to New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act: "Emergency meetings, which may be called by a three-quarters vote, may be held only if substantial harm to the public interest would result from a delay and the need for the meeting could not have reasonably be foreseen. Whenever possible, the body must provide at least 48-hour notice. Discussion must be limited to the matter which prompted the emergency meeting."

Demonstrable harm to the public interest could result if one of our supplemental resolutions is rejected, as we could potentially lose matching funds allocated through the Library Construction Bond Act.

The request for a new resolution to commit funds, despite funds already having been committed in 2020, was not described in the grant application itself, but added later in a Question and Answer document, released on April 20, 2021:

Q7) From the First Round, we have "Other Resolutions" that are still relevant and could be used in the Second Round. Are new resolutions required in these cases?

A7) Yes. New resolutions should be submitted for the Spring 2021 Cycle.

In working on the application, I obtained new certifications and resolutions authorizing submission of a 2021 application, but did not anticipate the need to recommit funds already committed to the Children's Room Expansion Project. In my final consultation with our cooperating architectural firm on June 3, architect Anthony Iovino suggested that this Resolution be replaced if possible. As a result, the Board did not foresee the need for this Resolution prior to their May meeting.

As the deadline for the grant application is June 4, 2021 at 4:00 pm, we will be unable to provide 48 hours' notice. As this does not alter the library's plans to apply for the Grant, this should not cause any harm to the public.

This meeting will be limited to discussion and action on the Resolution of Intent to Provide Matching Funds Pursuant to the Rules Governing the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pat called the emergency meeting to order which was called to discuss a document in more detail. A roll call vote was held for approval of the emergency meeting and all members present voted "yes" to hold the meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Michael explained the reason for the emergency meeting which is a:

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As the deadline for the grant is Friday June 4, 2021, Wayne made a motion to pass the resolution needed, Kate seconded. A roll call vote was held, and all board members present voted “yes” to approve the resolution.

ADJOURNMENT:

Susan made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Beth, all Board members present voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary