

Trustees of the Lambertville Free Public Library
Minutes January 14, 2020
Lambertville Free Public Library
6 Lilly St, Lambertville, NJ 08530 7PM

The meeting of the Trustees of the Lambertville Free Public Library was called to order at 7:04 PM by Matt Larkin. In addition to Mr. Larkin present were Trustees, Paul Hamilton, Amy Connely, Stephanie Volmer, Jacqueline Sornstein, Emily Carone, Evan Straley, Children's Librarian Jennifer Sirak and Library Director Harold Dunn.

In compliance with the open public meeting act, it was announced that this was the January meeting which had been published in *The Democrat* and filed with the City Clerk for posting on the bulletin board located in City Hall.

Oath of Office: Evan Straley was sworn in as the SHRSB representative to the Board.

Reorganization: On a motion made by Matt Larkin and seconded by Jacqueline Sornstein the following slate of officers was proposed for 2020:

Matt Larkin, President
Emily Carone, Vice President
Paul Hamilton, Treasurer
Jacqueline Sornstein, Secretary

An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

On a motion made by Matt Larkin and seconded by Steph Volmer the meeting dates for the Lambertville Free Public Library Board was set for the second Tuesday of every month at 7PM at the library. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

City Update: Mayor Julia Fahl and City Business Manager Alex Torpey attended the meeting to discuss the state of the city and future plans for the library. There will be a state of the city meeting on January 31 and a Community Development Fair on February 1. At these meetings the potential for all city buildings to be combined into one facility located at the current ACME site will be discussed. This could potentially have implications for current 5 year plan library board is working on.

Presentation of the Minutes: Minutes from the November 12, 2019 meeting were reviewed. On a motion by Matt Larkin and seconded by Paul Hamilton, the Board unanimously approved the November minutes. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present with Evan Straley abstaining. MOTION CARRIED. Minutes from the December 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed. On a motion by Matt Larkin and seconded by Paul Hamilton, the Board unanimously approved the November minutes. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present with Evan Straley, Jacqueline Sornstein and Emily Carone abstaining. MOTION CARRIED.

Construction Bond: There is a potential grant for construction and City Business Manager Alex Torpey will work with Library Board to apply for the grant. Deadline is March to April. Discussed approach to applying for grant and also possibility of a plan B if the new facility is not approved. Library is still in need of items, such a technology upgrade. Discussed what technology could be upgraded and still

moved. Discussed hiring a consultant to assist the library in what will be best for the library with new construction.

Presentation of the Treasurer's Report: On a motion by Jacqueline Sornstein and seconded by Matt Larkin, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's reports and authorized the Treasurer to pay the bills as presented for December. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence: ALA mid-winter meeting is taking place in Philadelphia January 24-26 at the Philadelphia Convention Center. On a motion made by Matt Larkin and seconded by Amy Connelly up to \$1500 was approved for trustees and staff for attendance and expenses associated with the ALA meeting. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Director's Report: Attached.

Children's Library Report: Attached.

Old Business:

FOLL have reorganized! The library board will reach out to the FOLL board and see if they would like to meet with us in February or in March.

The Board did not have a chance to review the 5 year plan and the feedback from the staff/patron survey so a meeting was added for Tuesday, January 28 at 7PM.

New Business:

Adjournment: A motion was made by Paul Hamilton, seconded by Steph Volmer, to adjourn at 9:03 PM. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by Jacqueline Sornstein.