

**Phoenicia Library Board of Trustees**

**Minutes from Library Board Meeting on April 15, 2021 (6:30 p.m.) (via Zoom)**

Minutes prepared by Holly George-Warren

**Present:** Holly George-Warren; Bernie Handzel; Bethia Waterman; Karin Connelly; Jennifer Montalbano, Becca Frank; Director Liz Potter.

**Member of the Public:** Joan Gutierrez

**Agenda:** Bernie made a motion to approve agenda: Becca 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor.

**Minutes:** Bernie made a motion to approve the March 2021 board meeting minutes; Karin 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor.

**ACTION ITEM:**

Bernie made a motion to accept the Pandemic Plan for New York State; Karin 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor.

**ACTION ITEM:**

Bernie made a motion to accept the Service Phase D from Phased Reopening Plan; Becca 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor.

**ACTION ITEM:**

Bernie made a motion that we accept a Tax Cap Override Resolution (as stated below voting); Jen 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor as stated below:

**Voting:**

Holly George-Warren – yes

Bernie Handzel – yes

Bethia Waterman – yes

Karin Connelly-yes

Jennifer Montalbano – yes

Becca Frank - yes

Members of the Phoenicia Library Board, as recorded in the minutes for April 15, 2021 Meeting

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Whereas, the adoption of the 2022 budget for the Phoenicia Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Phoenicia Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2022 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**ACTION ITEM:**

Bernie made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding draft between Phoenicia & Pine Hill; Holly 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor.

**Director's Report:**

Library submitting loan forgiveness application for PPP.

All staff is now fully vaccinated.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Jen circulated the financial report/bank balances.

**Committee Reports:**

None.

**Old Business:**

We discussed pandemic safety issues regarding the Cabin Fever outdoor concert proposed for June 26, and we voted to delay it until September 18. Bethia will check with Max Fass and other partners to see if this is possible.

Plant sale will be June 12. Plants can be dropped off at Marvella's, who may or may not be able to work at the Plant Fair. Joan volunteered to help; Holly will chair the Plant Sale committee.

**New Business:**

Karin C announced that she will be moving and so she will have to leave the board effective May 31, 2021. A letter of resignation will be filed.

**Public Comment: None.**

Bernie a motion to adjourn; Holly 2<sup>nd</sup>ed it; all in favor.

**Next Board meeting is Thursday, May 20, 2021 @ 6:30pm (via Zoom)**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.**