

Chester Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 20, 2025
Call to Order 7:20 pm

I. Call to Order

Present: Dan Mahoney, Hema Easley, Beth Pechman, Maureen Jagos, Alan Herschman, Tony DiComo

II. Executive Session

Called to order 7:20 by Hema. Beth seconded the motion and Executive session ended at 7:40

II. Approval of Minutes

Beth Pechman gave the minutes from the May 6th executive meeting. Hema Easley approved them and Dan Mahoney seconded the motion.

III. Correspondence

None

IV. Disbursements

Hema Easley made a motion to approve January - March disbursements. Dan Mahoney seconds. Vote Passed 4-0

V. Treasurer's Report

Hudson Valley CD valued at \$52,456.88 up for renewal. Hema Easley makes motion to renew it and Beth Pechman seconds. Vote passed 4-0

Due to plumbing issues we are looking to move the money into a regular account and Tony DiComo looking for the best rate

Dan Mahoney made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Beth Pechman seconds. Vote passed 4-0.

VI. Chester Public Library Director's Report

- Maureen will review the by-laws to see if anything needs to be updated
- Our IT contract with RCLS is up for renewal. There is no huge cost increase. Hema Easley motioned to sign the renewal and Dan Mahoney seconds. Vote passed 4-0.
- O&R was at library to give us a new gas detector. While preparing for installation they found a small gas leak that must be fixed before getting the new detector
- We need to update the EXIT signs
 - \$470 labor

- \$455 signs
- Hema Ealsey motioned to approve new signs. Dan Mahoney seconds. Vote passed 4-0
- Sign outside library was donated by Bellvale Brooderhoff community in 2006
 - Sign is deteriorating
 - 2 options
 - 50% of original cost to fix it with gold leaf - \$2,475
 - 30% of original cost to refurbish it -\$1,650
 - Putting this off until we deal with the plumbing issues.
- Friends of the library
 - Closing the bank account
 - Have they filed the tax return?
 - Postcard needs to be signed by Pres. VP and Secretarty
 - To maintain the 503C
 - We need 1 booksale per year or other type of fundraiser
 - Person in charge DOES NOT have to be Chester resident
 - Need 1 annual meeting a year
 - Putting ad on FB for the booksale and volunteers

VII. Old Business

N/A

VIII. New Business

- Alan Herschman to be new (returning) board of trustee member
- Hema Easley motioned to accept Alan to fullfill Rachel Neuhouse term and Dan seconded the motion. Vote passed 3-0

IX. Town Board Meetings

No report

Adjournment

Hema Easley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, Dan Mahoney seconds. Vote passed 4-0.