

**Chester Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 23, 2021  
Call to Order 7:22**

**I. Call to Order**

*Present - Maureen Jagos, Aurora Robson-Coles, Kerry Cambria, Cindy O'Connor, Tony DiComo, Daniel Mahoney, and Allen Herschman.*

**II. Approval of Minutes**

No comments on the minutes from January 2021.

*-K. Cambria made a motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting, A. Herschman seconded, motion passed 5-0.*

**III. Correspondence**

N/A

**IV. Disbursements**

**V. Treasurer's Report**

*-About \$21,000 under budget for 2020, income also higher than expected giving a profit of about \$37,000.*

*-For 2021 there is an expected shortfall of about \$3,900. This could increase due to the lack of income from fines.*

*-Motion to accept presented budget of \$684,914.44. Aurora Robson Coles aye, Cindy O'Connor nay, Kerry Cambria aye, Allen Herschman aye, Dan Mahoney aye*

*-Kerry Cambria made a motion to transfer \$33,809.66 into the equipment line of capital funds. Aurora Robson Coles seconded. Vote passed 5-0*

*-Motion to approve treasurer's report from December and January passed 5-0.*

**VI. Chester Public Library Director's Report**

1. The annual report has been submitted to RCLS for edit checks. I will send a copy to everyone once it is returned for our board's approval in March

2. Senator Skoufis' office sent a request to all in his district asking for budgetary needs requests. Oftentimes the Senate and Assembly members are given money in their budget to help organizations in their service area. In the past Libraries such as Cornwall, Newburgh and even the Village of Chester took the opportunity to request help with the HVAC system since the Town denied us the opportunity to use the System's construction grant I submitted a request. I will let you know once I hear back from his office.

3. The library will be activating the Grab and Go feature on the RCLS Gateway app. As mentioned prior, this app will allow patrons to let us know when they are coming and we can have their items already checked out and waiting when they arrive. We feel during a time when personal interaction is limited and how busy families tend to be, this will be a welcomed feature.

4. I received word from RCLS that the Senate has passed a bill that would require us to only gather 25 signatures should we go for a 414 vote this year. This is a

one year exception to the 10% rule. It was passed on to the Assembly but, it was moved to the Education Committee. I am writing a letter of thanks to Senator Skoufus for his support and plan to write a letter to Assemblyman Schmitt asking that he support the bill.

**VII. Old Business**

*N/A*

**VII. Town Board Meeting**

*N/A*

**IX. Adjournment**

*Aurora Robson Coles made a motion to adjourn the meeting , Kerry Cambria Seconded. Vote passed 5-0 .Meeting adjourned 9:02*