

Chester Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 21, 2022
Call to order 7:15 pm

I. Call to Order

*Present - M. Jagos, Cindy O'Connor, Daniel Mahoney, Allen Herschman, Hema Easley.
Visitors- David Stevenson, Leslie Smith, and Clif Patrick (town historian).*

II. Approval of Minutes

Cindy O'Connor made a motion to approve minutes from May. Allen Herschman seconds. Vote passed 4-0

III. Correspondence

Hema Easley made a motion to approve sending a letter to second the Florida Public Library's nomination of Diane Acieri for a seat on the RCLS Board of Trustees representing Orange County. Cindy O'Connor seconds. Vote passed 4-0.

IV. Disbursements

Table until next month

V. Treasurer's Report

Allen Herschman made a motion to adopt May's treasurer's report. Dan Mahoney seconds. Vote passed 4-0.

VI. Chester Public Library Director's Report

1. Beginning in January, RCLS is changing the way they handle IT services to better secure the network. With that we had to remove three of our public internet machines from the network as they are too old to update and pose a security risk.. All four catalogs needed to be removed as well. However, we were able to repurpose two of those catalogs to cover the public internet machines that were removed. The two remaining catalogs will be converted to Wi-Fi access so patrons can still use them as intended. Since we are still trying to rebound from COVID restrictions of the past, the staff and I felt that we would be alright with just three internet accessible machines for now and if needed, we could use one of the laptops we have. With these changes, we should expect a small decrease in our IT costs.

2. Summer Reading Programs are planned and staff is very excited to begin. There are plans to have as many programs as possible in person. Spring programs saw a bit of increased participation. Many of the Director's have noticed that things are very slowly returning to "normal" with programming as well as checkouts. The staff and I are hopeful that this summer we will be able to reconnect with patrons that we have not seen in some time.

VII. Old Business

1. Maple Avenue School- A discussion was held in regards to future feasibility for the library and various community groups to occupy the Maple Ave. school building.

Allen Herschman made a motion to draft a letter of interest to the Chester School district, requesting further information from the school in regards to the Maple Ave. school building. Dan Mahoney Seconds. Vote passed 3-1. Dissenting vote Cindy O'Connor.

VIII. New Business

Budget-Allen Herschman made a motion to adopt the 2023 budget. Hema Easley seconds. Vote passed 4-0.

Cindy O'coonor made a motion that: Whereas, the adoption of the 2023 budget for the Chester Public 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 Chester Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2023 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on June 21, 2022. Allen Herschman seconds. Vote passed 4-0.

IX. Town Board Meetings

No library business discussed at June 8th, 2022 meeting.

X. Executive Session

N/A

Adjournment

Allen Herschman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hema Easley seconds. Vote passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned 9:06.