

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
of the Bernards Township Library  
March 8, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Kippy Piedici called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Bernards Township Library Lower Level Conference Room

**2. SUNSHINE LAW REMINDER**

In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law of 1975, notice of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the Reception Hall of the Municipal Building, Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge and the Bernards Township Library Public Notices bulletin board; was filed with the Township Clerk; and was posted on both the Township's website and the Library's website.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Jack Brull, Karen Kogut [via phone], Mary Jane McNally, Vivian Pagoulatos, Kippy Piedici, and Cynthia Yin

**Absent:** Joe Esposito, Zina Pozner, and Doug Roberts

**Also Present:** Lyn Begraft

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**6. NJ LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT GRANT APPLICATION DISCUSSION**

- Kippy referred to material received from Arcari + Iovino, the architects we have been working with, and the comparative cost analysis she prepared.
- Kippy asked each Board member for his/her thoughts on how to proceed in light of the additional information and increased costs.
- Based on increased costs and new information received from the architect **MOTION 20-12** was made by Vivian Pagoulatos and seconded by Jack Brull to rescind (without prejudice to applying in Round 2) **MOTION 20-08** that was passed at the February 26, 2020 Board meeting directing Lyn Begraft to proceed with preparing an application covering work on five of the areas identified by Arcari + Iovino. A positive vote means that the Library will not prepare an application for Round 1 of the NJ Library Grant Program. With a roll call vote, the motion passed 6-0-0
- In response to Kippy's question, Board members suggested taking these next steps:
  - Ask Anthony Iovino for an explanation of the dramatic cost increases from 1/4/2019 to 3/6/2020.
  - Approach architectural engineering firm for ballpark figures for the top identified projects to get a second opinion.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

- **MOTION 20-12** was made by Vivian Pagoulatos and seconded by Cynthia Yin to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 pm. The motion passed unanimously.
- The next meeting of the Bernards Township Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., March 25, 2020.