

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
of the Bernards Township Library
February 20, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Kippy Piedici called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Bernards Township Library Technology Center

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 mailed to *The Bernardsville News*, Whippany and the *Courier News*, Somerville; 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, Mary Jane McNally, Kippy Piedici, and Doug Roberts

Absent: Joe Esposito, Vivian Pagoulatos, Zina Pozner, and Cynthia Yin

Also Present: Lyn Begraft and Jackie Barber

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present

6. OVERVIEW OF PHASE 3 LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

- Administrative Coordinator Jackie Barber recapped the renovation and refurbishing work accomplished during Phases 1 and 2 of the Space Reorganization Plan.
- Jackie then presented the list of projects proposed by Arcari + Iovino, the architectural firm we have been working with, for Phase 3 of the Space Reorganization Plan.

7. TOUR OF LIBRARY

The Board toured the Library to gain a better understanding of the impact of the proposed projects. Both Jackie and Lyn answered questions as they arose.

8. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Lyn and Kippy summarized the latest information available regarding applying for New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act funds.
 - Renovation and repair are considered to be separate categories requiring separate applications.
 - All applications must demonstrate the exact source and precise amount of the required 50% matching funds.
 - The first application deadline is April 6, 2020.
- The Board discussed how much money from our reserve accounts could be applied toward the required 50% matching funds.
- The Board weighed the relative desirability of various projects contained in the Arcari + Iovino proposal as well as some major items outlined in the recently completed Capital Reserve Analysis.
- The Board will need to decide how to proceed at the February 26 Board meeting.

- **MOTION 20-06** was made by Jack Brull and seconded by Doug Roberts to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. The motion passed unanimously.
- The next meeting of the Bernards Township Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., February 26, 2020.