

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
of the Bernards Township Library  
April 14, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Kippy Piedici called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. via Zoom.

**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 inside of both doors of the Bernards Township Public Library, was filed with the Township Clerk, and was posted on both the Library's website and the Township's website.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Jack Brull, Lew Cohen, Emily Johnston, Karen Kogut, MaryJane McNally, Vivian Pagoulatos, Kippy Piedici, and Doug Roberts

**Absent:** Joe Esposito

**Also Present:** Lyn Begraft

**5. DISCUSSION NJ LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT GRANT APPLICATION  
OPPORTUNITY - PHASE TWO**

- Kippy reviewed a slide show summarizing the work of the Finance Committee. After considering our reserve funds and projected needs, the committee recommends capping any spending on construction projects at \$120,000.
- Kippy asked each Board member for his/her thoughts on the Finance Committee's recommendation.
- **MOTION 21-15** was made by Vivian Pagoulatos and seconded by Emily Johnston to cap at \$120,000 our portion of the cost of any construction project for which we would apply. With a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0-0.
- Lyn reviewed some of the projects that had been awarded grants in the first round of applications. Kippy then referred to material received from Arcari + Iovino, the architectural firm we have been working with, providing probable construction values for three of the projects we have been considering.
- **MOTION 21-16** was made by Emily Johnston and seconded by Lew Cohen to proceed with preparing a grant application covering Work Area 1 - Front Entry and Work Area 6 – Rear Entry as outlined by Arcari + Iovino. With a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0-0.
- **MOTION 21-17** was made by Vivian Pagoulatos and seconded by Karen Kogut to hire Anthony Iovino to provide grant application assistance at a cost not to exceed \$7,500. With a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0-0.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

- **MOTION 21-18** was made by Lew Cohen and seconded by Doug Roberts to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. The motion passed unanimously.
- The next meeting of the Bernards Township Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., April 28, 2021.