

Library Bd of Trustees Minutes – Tuesday, November 9, 2021

I. Call to Order

II. Attendance/ Roll Call

1. Trustees Present:
 - a. Rosalie Morillo
 - b. Maria Diaz
 - c. Jaime Fazzina
 - d. Pamela Hedberg
 - e. Vickiana Ortega
 - f. Courtney Pepe
 - g. Jaqueline Littlejohn
 - h. Brenda Delgadillo
 - i. Barbara Sottilaro
2. Staff Present: Herschel Chomsky

III. Orientation Presentation

1. An orientation presentation was provided by Joel Rosa for the Library Board of Trustees on library roles and responsibilities.

IV. Public Session:

1. Renee Skelton, Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Commission, spoke publicly about the importance of preserving the history of the Perth Amboy Library and to congratulate Library Board of Trustees on their appointments.
2. Library Board of Trustees requested a timeline for when the installment of the elevator lift will be completed. Joel stated that he would have an update for the December meeting.

v. Old Business:

1. Joel Rosa mentioned that there is a need for security cameras, a library director, and a reference librarian for the Library Board of Trustees to consider. The need was stated by the former library board of trustees and is documented in the 2019 minutes.

VI. Announcements:

1. Senator Frank Pallone Community Projects Passes house appropriations. (press release below)
 - a. **Community Funded Projects**

Congressman Pallone has submitted funding requests for important community projects in New Jersey's 6th Congressional District to the Appropriations Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Under guidelines issued by the Appropriations Committee, each Representative may request funding for up to 10 projects in their community for fiscal year 2022 – although only a handful may actually be funded. Projects are restricted to a limited number of federal funding streams, and only state and local governments and eligible non-profit entities are permitted to receive funding. Additional information on Community Project Funding is available [here](#).

In compliance with House Rules and Committee requirements, Congressman Pallone has certified that he, his spouse, and his immediate family have no financial interest in any of the projects he has requested.

Appropriations Subcommittee/Agency/Account: [Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies](#)/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/Operations, Research, and Facilities

Project Name: Renovation and Upgrade Project at the Historic Perth Amboy Public Library

Recipient: City of Perth Amboy, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861

Amount: \$1.5 million

Explanation: The funding will be used to rehabilitate the city's historic Public Library, which was originally built in 1903 and requires critical renovations and upgrades to meet the current needs of the community.

VII. Meeting confirmed for Tuesday, December 14