The 836th Meeting and Budget Hearing conducted by the Board of Trustees of the Elmont Public Library, Elmont Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead Nassau County, New York was held via teleconference and in person at the Elmont Memorial Library on April 22, 2021.

CALL TO ORDER/EXECUTIVE SESSION
The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Livingstone Young, President at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Mr. Livingstone Young, President (present)
Ms. Gina Burnett, Vice President (via teleconference)
Ms. Ellice Bekier (via teleconference)
Ms. Monique Hardial (via teleconference)
Ms. Mimi Pierre Johnson (via teleconference)
Ms. Natasha Warburton Welch (via teleconference)

MEMBERS ABSENT:  Ms. Suzanne Schatz (prior notice given)

ALSO PRESENT:  Ms. Jean Simpson, Library Director (present)
Mr. Frank Marino, Advanced Consulting Corp. (present)
Thomas Volz, Esq. Board Attorney (via teleconference)
Mr. Giovanni Perez, IT Consultant (present)
Ms. Catherine Antioco, Board Clerk (present)

Ms. Burnett moved to go into Executive Session at 7:00 to discuss real estate, personnel and legal matters. Seconded by Ms. Pierre Johnson.

Unanimously carried.

The meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC
Ms. Shakema Miller (via teleconference)
LIBRARY BUDGET 2021/2022
In accordance with the unanimous approval of the motion made at the February 25, 2021 work session to adopt the no increase 2021/2022 Library working budget and in accordance with the scheduled budget hearing held at tonight’s meeting,

Ms. Burnett moved to approve the proposed 2021/2022 Library Budget to be presented to the taxpayers, the amount to be raised by taxation in the amount of $2,429,787.00. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Agenda Items Only
No discussion.

Meeting Room or Theatre Requests
There were no meeting room or theatre requests for the Board’s review and approval.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Minutes of the Meeting of March 25, 2021
The Minutes were approved as presented.

FINANCES

Ms. Burnett moved to approve Payroll Warrant #2605 dated March 21, 2021 in the amount of $57,324.74. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Burnett moved to approve Warrant #2606 dated April 6, 2021 in the amount of $30,583.51. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Burnett moved to approve Payroll Warrant #2607 dated April 4, 2021 in the amount of $52,116.02. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Burnett moved to approve Bill Warrant #2608 dated April 22, 2021 in the amount of $74,978.84. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.
Ms. Burnett moved to approve Board Appointees Warrant #2609 dated May 1, 2021 in the amount of $15,047.16. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Burnett moved to approve the credit card expense report for the period February 26, 2021 to March 25, 2021. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried


LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Ms. Simpson reported.

The Board Members were in possession of Ms. Simpson’s report to the Board dated April 15, 2021 as well as reports from the Adult Reference Department, Youth Services and Children’s Departments.

We remain in compliance with the Executive Orders of the Governor regarding our operations and are hopeful that we will soon be able to offer additional programming adhering to the necessary attendance guidelines both in and outside of the Library.

The NYS FY2021-22 Budget report has been completed.

NLS recommends that libraries submit a funding request to their state senator and state assembly member for “bullet aid” monies.

The Children’s and Teen departments have requested a no fee book return program for Elmont School District students. After discussion,

Ms. Burnett moved to declare a fine free event from June 11 to June 13, 2021 which will waive fines for overdue books returned by children and teens that live in the Elmont School District and the unserved districts. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.
ADVANCED CONSULTING CORPORATION
Mr. Marino reported.
Regarding Bid EPL 2021-1 Carpet Tile,

Ms. Burnett moved to award Bid EPL 2021-1 Carpet Tile to Cano Enterprises, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the lump sum price of $33,000.00. Seconded by Ms. Warburton Welch

Unanimously carried.

The vote for the East Franklin Square and North Valley Stream Library Funding Districts will be scheduled for August 2021. No exact date has been provided as of yet.

We have been provided with a list of shows that Plaza Theatrical Productions Inc. intends to present in the Library theatre for the upcoming season. After review,

Ms. Burnett moved to approve the upcoming shows specified by Plaza Theatrical Productions Inc. for the 2021/2022 season. Seconded by Ms. Warburton Welch.

Unanimously carried.

LEGAL
Mr. Volz reported.
Other than that addressed in Executive Session, he had nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE
There was no correspondence for the Board’s review.

NEW BUSINESS
There was no new business brought before the Board.

OLD BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business for the Board’s consideration.

ADJOURNMENT
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on May 27, 2021, the venue to be determined. If necessary, the Board will convene into Executive Session followed by public session.

Ms. Bekier moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Pierre Johnson.

Unanimously carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Antioco, Board