

MINUTES

WESTBURY MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

2023 Library Budget Hearing

March 28, 2023 at 7:00 PM

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Westbury Memorial Public Library was held on March 28, 2023 to discuss the proposed 2023-2024 Library Budget.

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum:

Carmen Lloyd – President
Shirley Darkeh – Vice President
Judy Gerrard – Trustee
Tyeisha Marshall – Trustee

Not Present:

Denise Parillo – Trustee

Also Present:

Tracy Horodyski – Director
Lynn Graf - Principal Account Clerk
Adina Gunsburg – Assistant to the Director

Public Present:

Alex Nunez
Kyle Bailey
Michella Abbatiello

CALL TO ORDER

A motion was made by Trustee Gerrard and seconded by Trustee Marshall to call the meeting to order. The meeting was called to order by President Lloyd at 7:10 pm.

OPEN DISCUSSION

After the meeting was opened, President Lloyd turned the discussion over to Director Horodyski to review the proposed 2023-2024 Library Budget.

Director Horodyski discussed each line in the proposed budget, with key points being made regarding any changes from the prior year.

Databases are being re-evaluated to remove those that are not well-utilized and the Library is looking to add others which will better serve the community.

The Audio-Visual equipment will be getting an upgrade to accommodate new functions needed to run programs, such as an upgraded projector and other AV materials.

Overdrive/Libby is going up a bit because of increased patron usage.

The Renovations line reflects new electronic blinds for the Program Room windows.

The line for Salaries has also increased as it reflects new positions being added to staffing, such as a full-time Assistant Director, full-time Information Technology Specialist I, a full-time Clerk-Typist and 2 part-time Librarian I's.

The Publicity and Newsletters line has a much lower projected cost. This is due to the fact that the Library plans to print its bi-monthly newsletters in-house without the assistance of a mailing house.

There is a new line titled Westbury Historical Society Cottage. This new line has been added to reflect that there is an associated expense to the Historical Cottage working on digitizing their collection.

When discussing the Revenues section of the budget, Director Horodyski pointed out that Pilot Funds and State Aid have stayed the same as prior years.

The line for revenue generated from the Carle Place Contract has gone up as it is tied to changes in the recent Census data.

There is a greater amount of money projected to be coming in from Interest Income and the Children's Endowment, as we recently changed investments companies.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 by a motion by Trustee Darkeh, and seconded by Trustee Gerrard.

Respectfully,

Adina Gunsburg
Assistant to the Director

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