

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
EXECUTIVE SESSION/BUDGET WORKSHOP  
Tuesday, March 9, 2004  
7:30 p.m.**

A Budget Workshop, preceded by an Executive Session of the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library, was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Great Neck Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, New York 11023. [Agenda attached.]

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum:

Linda Cohen – President  
John Drukker – Vice President  
David Kahn – Secretary  
Alice Nayer – Treasurer  
Bette Weidman – Asst. Treasurer

Absent with prior notice: William Morrill – Assistant Treasurer  
Joyce Klein

Also present: Arlene Nevens – Library Director  
Laura Weir – Assistant Library Director  
Neil Zitofsky – Business Manager

## **CALL TO ORDER**

President Linda Cohen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the 2005 Preliminary Library Budget.

Upon motion by John Drukker and seconded by Bette Weidman, the Board recessed to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Upon motion by Alice Nayer, the Board came out of Executive Session. The public meeting was reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

## **INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF BUDGET**

Business Manager Neil Zitofsky presented an overview of the first draft of the Great Neck Library's Budget for 2005 [copy attached]. This preliminary budget projects a total revenue of \$7,656,200, a 4% increase when compared to the 2004 budget. However, the tax appropriation would increase 5.3% from \$6,934,600 to \$7,299,600. Expenses would increase by 4% from \$7,362,500 to \$7,656,200. The current 2004

residential tax rate is \$4.65 per \$100 of assessed valuation. A 5.3% increase in the Library Budget would bring the tax rate to \$4.89 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Discussion and questions ensued. The Business Manager and Library Director together will fine-tune this preliminary draft for presentation at the March 23, 2004 Board Meeting/Budget Workshop.

Public Comments: Ralene Adler, Karen Rubin, Varda Solomon

## **OPEN TIME**

Speaking: Ralene Adler, Varda Solomon

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. upon motion by Alice Nayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kahn  
Secretary