

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUDGET WORKSHOP  
Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 8:00 p.m.**

A Budget Workshop of the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Main Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, New York 11023. [Agenda attached]

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum:

David Kahn – President  
Bette Weidman – Secretary  
Norman Rutta – Treasurer  
Marietta DiCamillo – Assistant Treasurer  
Linda Cohen – Assistant Treasurer  
Martin Sokol

Absent with prior notice: Joyce Klein – Vice President

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Kahn called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the proposed 2007 Library operating budget.

**DISCUSSION OF BUDGET**

Business Manager Zitofsky gave an overview of the first draft of the proposed 2007 operating budget [copy attached]. Discussion and questions ensued.

The proposed budget projected total revenue of \$8,179,600 which would be a 4.1% increase or \$322,100 over the 2006 budget. Of this amount, \$7,840,000 would come from tax revenue (3.9% increase), \$147,500 (5.4% increase) from Applied Balance and \$192,100 (11.3% increase) from operating revenue.

A new budget line was created for Direct Access. The Interest and Local Library Service Aid budget lines would be bumped up for the second draft. The cost of hiring another fulltime Maintenance person as opposed to increased hours for mid-day and Saturday cleaning at the branches, provided by the Cleaning Service, will be worked up for the next draft. Recruitment and Training line of the operating budget will see a decrease [Veterans Day will fall on the weekend and there will be no Staff Development Day for 2007]. Travel – Conference/ Meeting and Travel-Local lines of the budget will be combined as one budget line.

The Business Manager and Library Director together will fine-tune and incorporate these recommendations in the second draft of the budget for presentation at the March 28, 2006 Board Meeting/Budget Workshop.

Public Comments: Carol Frank, Rebecca Sassouni, Ralene Adler, Karen Rubin

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Kahn declared the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Weidman,  
Secretary