

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.**

A Budget Workshop of the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library was held on Tuesday, March 29, 2005, 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:

Linda Cohen – President
William Morrill – Treasurer
Alice Nayer – Assistant Treasurer
David Kahn – Vice President
Norman Rutta

Absent: Joyce Klein – Secretary
Bette Weidman – Assistant Treasurer

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Linda Cohen, who called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m., reminded everyone that the meeting was strictly related to the 2006 operating budget and not the building renovation/expansion.

DISCUSSION OF BUDGET

Business Manager Zitofsky gave an overview of the first draft proposal of the 2006 operating budget [copy attached], which was followed by a discussion. This would see a \$267,800 or 3.5% increase from \$7,599,200 to \$7,867,000 over the previous year. Tax revenue would increase by 3.9% from \$7,265,300 to \$7,552,000. Applied Balance was set at \$143,400.

Public Comments: Ralene Adler, John Drukker

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m. Trustee Rutta indicated that he had to leave the meeting early. The meeting was then adjourned on a motion by Linda Cohen due to a lack of a quorum.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

The discussion of the budget continued informally until 9:00 p.m. The Director and the Business Manager together will further fine tune this first draft to see areas where additional cuts could be made and the second draft will subsequently be presented at the April 12, 2005, Budget Workshop.

Public Comments: Ralene Adler, John Drukker

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie L. Malcolm
Secretary Pro Tempore