

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
BUDGET HEARING & ADOPTION  
Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 8:00 p.m.**

A Hearing and Adoption of the Proposed 2008 Budget was held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, 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:

David Kahn – President  
Andrew Greene – Secretary  
Norman Rutta – Treasurer  
Marietta DiCamillo – Assistant Treasurer  
Janet Eshaghoff – Asst. Treasurer  
Martin Sokol

Absent with prior notice: Linda Cohen – Vice President

Also present: Laura Weir – Interim Library Director  
Neil Zitofsky – Business Manager

## **CALL TO ORDER**

President Kahn called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.

## **BUDGET REVIEW** [copy of budget attached]

Upon motion by Norman Rutta, seconded by Marietta DiCamillo, and after discussion, it was,

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library adopt the proposed 2008 budget as presented, for a total budget of \$8,136,400 of which \$7,824,000 is to be raised by taxation, and that a letter and a copy of the budget be sent to the Great Neck School District.

Business Manager Zitofsky reviewed this third and final draft of the 2008 proposed budget. Staff turnover and competitive bidding of contracts resulted in a surplus of \$236,481 for 2006 and will

also produce another surplus in 2007. As a result of these surpluses, the 2008 budget will see no increase in taxation. The proposed budget for 2008 is \$8,136,400, a decrease of \$30,600 or 0.4% over the 2007 budget.

The Board was asked if the Library had flood insurance coverage since the Library is so close to the water and there is a major concern on Long Island about hurricanes. The Business Manager replied that the Library's insurance agent did not think the Library was at a risk. He was asked by the Board to check on flood insurance for the Library.

In a statement which he read, Trustee Sokol complimented those who worked on the budget but he opposed the budget that was being presented for Board adoption. He pointed out that something can probably go wrong with the HVAC or the roof and there would not be sufficient funds in that particular budget line to cover such major repairs. He felt that the most prudent approach would have been to slightly increase the budget in case something should happen. It was brought to his attention that the public cannot be taxed based on probable repairs. Should any major repairs be needed, there are monies in the various restricted funds in addition to the Building Fund, which has over one million dollars.

The Interim Director was asked for an update on estimates for the repair of the fascia panels. She reported that two estimates were received. She was asked by the Board to get three estimates for the next Board meeting.

Trustees Rutta and DiCamillo were thanked for working along with the Business Manager and the Interim Director to produce an outstanding budget for 2008.

Public Comments: Ralene Adler, Carol Frank

VOTE: Yes – 5 (DiCamillo, Eshaghoff, Greene, Kahn, Rutta); No – 1(Sokol)  
*MOTION CARRIED*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Marietta DiCamillo, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Martin Sokol, and seconded by Andrew Greene, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss real estate. The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Greene, Secretary