

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE
EMERGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, August 14, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.**

An emergency meeting of the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 14, 2006, in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Main Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, New York 11023, to discuss the broken air conditioning unit that cools the south side of the main floor - Circulation, Children's Room, the new books area, and the Periodicals and Reading Room.

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum:

David Kahn - President
Joyce Klein - Vice President
Norman Rutta - Treasurer
Linda Cohen - Assistant Treasurer
Marietta DiCamillo - Assistant Treasurer
Martin Sokol

Absent with prior notice: Bette Weidman - Secretary

Also present: Arlene Nevens - Library Director
Neil Zitofsky - Business Manager

CALL TO ORDER

President David Kahn called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and requested that Business Manager Zitofsky, who is also Department Head of Maintenance, report on the air conditioning situation.

The Business Manager reported that after having been at the Library on almost a daily basis, SavMor, the Library's HVAC service contractor, inspected unit 4 on August 8, 2006, and diagnosed that the compressor was burnt out and irreparable. A proposal was requested from them. SavMor's proposal came in at \$17,121 to replace the compressor, which would take about two to three weeks, and with the recommendation that a different type of system be looked into instead of replacing the old system.

Dynaire and Systematic Control were asked to confirm diagnosis. They both did confirm that the compressor could not be repaired. They were asked to submit proposals. Dynaire's proposal was \$29,000 to \$30,000, depending on cost of rigging.

Systematic Control did not submit a proposal but had told Neil the cost would be closer to \$37,000 to replace the compressor only, and \$70,000 to \$90,000 to replace the entire unit. To replace the unit with smaller multiple units would be more expensive but cost saving over the long term and this should be done after the cooling season was over.

In view of the fact that the weather has been very comfortable and only a few weeks left for summer's end, it was decided not to do a band-aid repair but to have an engineer evaluate the situation and have the work done over the winter months. Should it get too hot, the Library would have to be closed. Whatever plan was decided on for the air conditioning system, it should be one that would be reusable for the projected renovation of the Main Library.

Public Comments: David Werber, Karen Ruben, Carol Frank

Upon motion by Martin Sokol, seconded by Joyce Klein, and after discussion, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library engage an engineer to evaluate the air conditioning problem and to recommend the proper solution to the problem.

Director Nevens requested a clarification of the evening's proceedings as follows:

- Compressor will not be replaced
- Work our way through September
- Engage an engineer so that we have bigger solution in place for next summer

The Director was instructed to look for engineers and have them submit their proposals.

VOTE: Yes - 4 (DiCamillo, Klein, Rutta, Sokol); No - 1 (Cohen); Abstention - 1 (Kahn)
MOTION CARRIED

OPEN TIME

Karen Ruben and Carol Frank spoke during Open Time.

Trustee Cohen brought up that there is a history of members of the Board to raise issues that were not on the agenda and they were discussed. The Director's search is important and, although not on the agenda, it needs to be addressed. There exists a more pressing issue which is the understaffing of the Maintenance Department

resulting from the resolution that was passed at the June 27, 2006 Board meeting giving the Board the authority to become involved in hiring practices.

ADJOURNMENT

Marietta DiCamillo motioned and Norman Rutta seconded for the adjournment of the meeting. Linda Cohen and Joyce Klein opposed; David Kahn abstained. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kahn
President