

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
THE GREAT NECK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

Tuesday, April 7, 1992

The public budget hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library Association was held on **Tuesday, April 7, 1992**, at the offices of the Library on Bayview Avenue @ Grist Mill Lane, Great Neck, N.Y. 11024.

The following Trustees were present, constituting a quorum:

Elayne Bernstein
Jack Eber
Jo Ann Farley
Muriel Kane
Arthur Lerner
Dolly Relkin
Renee Zarin

Absent with Prior Notification: E. Kline

Also present: Ken Weil, Library Director
Joe Latini, Assistant Director
Arlene Nevens, Assistant Director
(plus 2 members of the public)

President Elayne Bernstein called the public meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

Ken Weil, Library Director, reviewed the proposed 1993 Budget including the following categories:

Income
Increases in planned receipts are as follows:

Fines & Lost Books	\$3,000
Commissions	\$2,000
Applied Balance	\$100,000

Expenditures

Salaries	\$138,879	Increase
Furniture/Equipment	13,800	Decrease
Library Materials	8,146	Increase
Operations	14,400	Increase
Building Expenses	6,557	Increase
Vehicle/Transportation	2,000	Decrease
Employee Benefits	59,024	Increase

Mr. Weil stated that the proposed Great Neck Library Budget of 1993 is \$5,586,739, an increase of \$211,206. The increase in the average estimated tax rate is 3.1%. Total increase in expenses is 3.9%.

Upon motion made by Arthur Lerner, seconded by Muriel Kane, and carried unanimously, it was,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees adopt the proposed 1993 Budget in the amount of \$5,586,739, of which \$5,284,239 is to be raised by taxation, and that a letter and a copy of the Budget be sent to the Great Neck School District.

COMMENTS

Mr. Steven Losi questioned if the Library used State Contracts.

Mr. David Zielenziger raised the following questions in the category of Library Materials. He objected to the \$39,000 allotted for video recordings. Mr. Weil replied that the video budget is only 7% of our Library Materials Budget which is very low compared to our neighboring libraries. In addition, unlike our neighboring libraries, our video budget covers the purchase of video collections at four locations. In the Building Operations he also questioned the Publicity item. Mr. Weil replied we are constantly reviewing our printed materials to keep costs down. Only 1% of our budget goes towards Publicity, to notify and inform the public of library news. Under Building Expenses he inquired about the Heat category. Mr. Weil stated that the Library had converted to gas heat two years ago.

APPLICATION FOR SOVIET JEWRY WALK-A-THON- The Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry requesting use of bathroom facilities and set up of a check point on the grass area bordering Bayview Avenue for their annual Walk-A-Thon. Motion made by Renee Zarin, seconded by Jo Ann Farley, and carried unanimously, it was,

RESOLVED,that the Board of Trustees approve the request of the L.I. Committee for Soviet Jewry for their annual Walk-A-Thon on Sunday, May 10, 1992.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the public meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Eber
Secretary