

NORTHVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INAUGURAL ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2014

The inaugural meeting of the Northvale Free Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:32pm by Mayor Piehler.

The Sunshine Law announcement was read aloud by Mayor Piehler, and those in attendance recited the pledge to the flag.

Borough Attorney Gregg Paster, also acting as Board Secretary for the evening, took the minutes and administered the oath of office to each of the appointed members of the Board as follows:

- For a one year term, expiring 12/31/15-Tina Staropoli;
- For a two year term, expiring 12/31/16-Edmund Devlin;
- For a three year term, expiring 12/31/17-Louis DeLisio;
- For a four year term, expiring 12/31/18-Drew Porschen;
- For a five year term, expiring 12/31/19-James Honey.

Mr. Paster called the roll of the newly sworn board. Mayor Piehler, Ms. Staropoli, Mr. Devlin, Mr. DeLisio, Mr. Porschen and Mr. Honey were present. Superintendent Michael Pinajian and Council Liaison Gloria Libby were absent.

The Board noted the Municipal Clerk's certification of the results of the November 4, 2014 referendum to establish a Free Public Library as 656 votes in favor; 576 votes against, and the Borough Council resolution of December 10, 2014 establishing the Board.

Nominations for Board President were entertained, and Mr. Devlin nominated Drew Porschen as President of the Board. The nomination was seconded by Mr. DeLisio. There being no further nominations, the roll was called and Mr. Porschen was elected President of the Board on a 6-0 vote.

Nominations for Vice President were entertained, and Ms. Staropoli moved the nomination of Edmund Devlin as Vice President of the Board. Mr. DeLisio seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the roll was called and Mr. Devlin was elected Vice-President of the Board on a 6-0 vote.

Nominations for Treasurer were entertained, and Mayor Piehler moved the nomination of James Honey as Treasurer of the Board. Mr. Devlin seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the roll was called and Mr. Honey was elected Treasurer of the Board on a 6-0 vote.

Nominations for Secretary were entertained, and Mr. Devlin moved the nomination of Tina Staropoli as Secretary of the Board. Mr. DeLisio seconded

the nomination. There being no further nominations, the roll was called and Ms. Staropoli was elected Secretary of the Board on a 6-0 vote.

There were typographical errors and misspellings on the draft Certificate of Incorporation, so it was agreed that the Attorney would have those corrected and the Certificate would be executed and recorded at a later date.

The meeting schedule for calendar 2015 was discussed, and it was agreed that the Board would meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm, immediately before the Mayor and Council meetings in the Borough Hall Council chamber. A motion to adopt that meeting schedule was made by Mr. Devlin, seconded by Mr. DeLisio, and adopted on a 6-0 vote.

The Board considered establishing committees to guide and assist the Board in its various functions. It was unanimously agreed that four standing committees should be established. Those are Personnel; Operations; Facilities and Budget/Finance. Mr. Devlin asked for volunteers for each committee, with no more than two board members on each to comply with state Public Meeting Law requirements and not to over burden the members. After discussion, it was agreed that the committees would be established with the following members:

Personnel-Mayor Piehler; Councilwoman Libby; Superintendent Pinajian and Ms. Staropoli.

Operations-Mr. DeLisio and Mr. Porschen.

Facilities-Mr. Devlin and Mr. DeLisio.

Budget/Finance-Mr. Honey and Mr. Devlin.

A general discussion ensued, and the Borough Attorney advised the Board on some of the issues that would need to be considered relative to the opening of a new library facility, including leasing of space, hours of operation, public meeting requirements and staffing issues. It was agreed that the committees would consider these issues and report back to the greater Board with suggestions.

The meeting was opened to the public. Paul Bazela congratulated the members of the Board on their establishment and encouraged them to maximize the services to be provided to the community given the mandate they enjoy. There being no other members of the public wishing to be heard, the meeting was closed to the public.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Devlin at 7:12pm which was seconded by Ms. Staropoli, whereupon the meeting was adjourned by acclamation. The next Board meeting was noted to be scheduled for January 14, 2015 at 6:30pm.