

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
550 Main Street, East Aurora, New York 14052
Minutes
Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting
April 21, 2020,
Held via GoToMeeting App.

Present: Alice Askew, Martha Buyer, Elaine Chow, Kara Spencer-Ching, Richard Wiesen, Director Paula Klocek.

President Alice Askew called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

1. There were no questions from the audience.
2. The motion (KSC, MB) to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 30, 2020 carried by voice vote.
3. The motion (RAW, MB) to defer the Treasurer's Report & Monthly Financial Statements for March 2020 until the May meeting was carried by voice vote.

4. Director's Report: March 2020

The Library has been closed since mid-March and will remain so until the Governor permits— All data for ATPL reflect that fact.

SPCA Serving Erie County Paws for Love Program agreed to a partnership with ATPL to read stories to the community's children with their certified licensed therapy dogs online. ATPL was the first to do this and the idea has been picked up by several other libraries.

ATPL launched a new YouTube Channel for virtual programming and the Director feels that programming of this type should be developed more fully. Conditions now demand it.

The Due Dates of all library materials have been extended to Monday, May 18, 2020 and will be extended beyond that date very soon. Hold pick up dates have been adjusted to this date as well.

The Legislature restored \$2.5 million of the \$5 million cut in the Governor's Proposed Budget, allocating \$94.1 million to public libraries statewide – a 2.6% cut to library recurring aid vs. the FY 2019-20 enacted budget. The state budget for both operations and construction is very uncertain at this point.

5. Personnel

a. The Board reviewed expenditures for staff for Pay Period 9 and the current status of our 15 PT staff that are not covered under a bargaining contract. They will receive their last paycheck on May 1 and have not been furloughed. They still remain employees, but should apply for unemployment insurance.

b. The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss staff emergency pay.

5. Old Business

- a. The Annual Discard Sales scheduled for May 21—June 5 is under review. The revenue is important.

8. New Business

- a. The Trustees reviewed the amended Community / Meeting Room Use Policy. A motion (RAW, MB) to approved the policy carried by a voice vote.
- b. The Trustees reviewed the Investment Policy, no changes other than formatting were made on this date.
- c. A motion (MB, RAW) to extended the Burchfield Penney Extended Loan Request & Agreement: November 8, 2019- June 28, 2020 carried by a voice vote.

The motion (MB, RAW) to adjourn carried by voice vote. President Alice Askew adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is May 26, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Wiesen, Secretary