when you're ready let me know jen
yeah i think it's close it might even
say it up there
it just takes a second on my end yeah it
says meeting is now streaming live on
youtube
all right you're good thanks i'll call
call the order the
call to order the special meeting
tuesday december 28th
of the board of trustees of the grand
memorial library pat would you read the
roll call
okay uh it's 3 59 and just in case you
wonder
okay so we have um
crawford here
here here
crawford here
uh rizzuto here
all right obtain a motion to accept the minutes from december 22nd

a second moved by jill seconded by agnes

any further discussion on those minutes

i really haven't had a chance to review them so

i reserved

well dick you've had him for four or five days

um it basically i'm just telling richard you know

okay i was bad i was playing around with this plan on and off and i had other things to do i'm sorry

i'm just making a point i'm just abstaining

how's that call the vote please

okay so um we have crawford

aye innocent hi
so from the minutes we had a small task force of bridget jen and myself.

you've had in front of you a microcluster draft plan to take a look at and i'll entertain a motion for discussion.

uh i move that we accept the plan is presented is there a second?

i seconded it moved by rizzuto seconded by beck.

is there any further discussion well i you know obviously if you've read my emails which weren't as timely as the minutes um you'll see that those are my points and i discussed it with the person that put
together
the uh whatchamacallit the the level
plan
and um mary jean who's the director and
put the thing together
and you can see see my my concerns
uh
you just want to shove something through
go for it i'll vote against it
and i'll state my objections and i'd
like them listed
otherwise if you want to discuss these
points i'm going to discuss them
i think that's why we moved it dick so
we could discuss
it that's fine that's fine agnes
i mean okay then
get the hair on the back of my neck down
and i'm willing to discuss them
you do you want me to present them again
or not i i i don't know you it's
your dick you have some issues with it
so please that would be the purpose of
the discussion yes
okay all right as i've
previously stated um i think it's
cumbersome with the two plans
uh mary jean felt and maybe it's
for several reasons that i'll state uh
she feels that it was necessary to make
the county
the county levels more restrictive to
the zones because she looks
she looks at the uh the being opening
or the libraries as a public living room
as she put it
and that therefore the standard should
be a little stricter
now the count the county and central
are have many more purposes than ours do
and it's brought and they have a broader
population and patrons that attend
so uh i can see that but it it kind of
makes sense
um the most important thing is that we
follow the state plan
because since we're the insurance
question to me is unclear since i've
never seen
the insurance policies and this is a
very sticky wicket with
insurance insurance companies as to how
to handle covet
we have to have a standard that we can
say that we're
sticking by um so
there's a balance there i don't think
there's anything wrong with being
stricter
she further said and it makes sense that
you don't mix
and manage this she was against it when
i because i asked her openly i wasn't
sure how to address this i said
well can we compromise or modify the
level plan
and uh combine the two and she said
that to her it didn't make sense
because they had a set of standards
there and that's why
in the draft that i submitted with my
comments
i put in that um
the state and no matter what it with if
we go with the two levels
then no matter what the state controls
because we have to comply with the state
requirement
uh and and that's that's so i i would
definitely go against splitting up the levels and having different levels in the plan if we're gonna i think it's best to combine the two and make it stricter uh but if you don't want to do that then go with the state alone and and legal all the levels out um the the question that i also had about um changes uh implementing changes because of changes in either the zones or the levels um mary jean felt it should be done quickly and within 36 hours and i agree with that um because if we're going to say that we comply we need to comply now that raises the question that i think pat
initially raised as to patrons and it's a very good one and that's why I suggested that we hold off in implementing this plan until um January uh 15th because the week between including between Christmas or including Christmas and New Year's is gonna have a lot of socializing and there's a good chance that there's going to be a bump and as a result that will change uh change the metric and as a result uh we may have to close we may be in a red zone so to not confuse the patrons it might be better to hold off until January 15th in implementing any
that said mary jean has said that when
she was
they were closed um she got a lot of
kickback
from patrons because the library was
closed as well as from the county
executive
so those are the points that's what i
said i've researched it
and um the things about the staff
and uh what you make uh bridget can
correct me if i'm wrong
but um mary jean was saying that the
staff levels
for both a yellow and orange zone would
remain the same
it's just that the responsibilities of
the staff
would be
would be the responsibilities
of the staff

would be different obviously if they
didn't have patrons in the library
and that's in it that's it in a nutshell
okay anybody else have any comments
um after reading all of dick's research
and everything on the
the one thing that did stand out to
me was the comment about
um having to make the changes within 36
hours
um so if that is an insurance thing
if if that is
and your accounting thing that they're
pushing for that then i i
would rather try to follow it than than
to be like the one outlier in the entire
county
that makes sense well that was that was
mary g and pardon me
that was mary jean's comment okay it wasn't from the county
okay this came solely from her and not at my prodding or anything else this is what she suggested when i asked a question the one funny thing the one somewhat humorous thing about this whole thing is that uh the count and the county exec executive was demanding that the uh we're not demanding but being very insistent on having all the libraries open and yet the one library that is not accepting his standards um is is the uh is the library in his town so uh ev everybody's at a free will because the the only other concern i have is on the
there's only one library that i'm aware of that's not going to open on the 5th um that they're going to open on on the 15th and that's what their board came came up with um i i'm just i'm also concerned about opening up later and then once again being one of the one of the few outliers in the system with that this is just depending on whatever pressure pulling cars is putting on i just don't want to have like a laser beam on us basically well then you can just that's fine you know i have no objection to it i'm just saying what's been said you just you had a concern about your patrons and not being able and i and i can see
that you had a concern about notifying
them and it's and it is a problem
and i and i in facing reality i i see
possible a greater chance of possibility
of changes
uh in the next 15 days than uh
than at other times i
i'm just making an observation you you'd
vote as you want but i
do feel that the other points are
important you don't mix and match with
these levels
but i do feel that you need to have a
safeguard in there
that the state controls no matter what
are the ones that are you know the
that's these are the most important ones
but don't mix and match with this point
seventy if you
if you just put point seventy in in the
orange one
um and you and you eliminate level two
then what you haven't fully addressed
that problem either
uh because if you go it's at points
uh if it's over 0.70 then what happens
there's no statement as as to what the
county says it's open
i mean this the state says it's open so
uh
why if you're gonna have one level why
eliminate why eliminate level two
and and really if you think there's an
inconsistency or a duplication or
something
in the yellow zone so be it
it's not going to create a problem it
just adds to the consistency if that's
what you're trying to do
don't try to oversimplify it it's a
complicated matter
and everybody is grappling with it no question about it and that's the biggest problem is that there's so many inconsistencies that have occurred here you know with trying to get a good plan together um it makes you go crazy as we're going crazy right now well so you have to sit down and you have to look at each argument which i try to do which is probably one of the reasons and and then a really bad excuse that i didn't look at the minutes but uh it's trying to grapple with this thing it's and the stages obviously is having problems they're changing their metrics and their controls since the start of
this thing it's it's
it's a moving target and and the safest
way to do it
is to stick with whatever state does
another provision that should be in
there
is that uh uh this plan will be
readjusted
as soon as possible if the state chan
changes their standards
um just to show the good faith of where
we're coming from
so just to go back quick um
within my role in this you know a
non-voting member but still
getting the board the tools they need
you as trustees
uh as bridget mentioned she dick and
myself
had a conversation last week and while
we never go into you know legal matters heavily during open session.
We did bring forward concerns you'd mentioned at the other meetings. um the last meeting at least would be the most significant one to kind of um reassure bridget. in some matters that you've all been vocal about okay is this are we assuming a risk in this way or what about this or what about this so there i think bridget i don't want to speak for you but on some of the matters that were of concern you were able to have those addressed and received guidance in the similar way that the town does when they consider reopening to the public is we've
been for months now how should it look
different how will it look different
what will the policies be
and there were important um the wording
was good in the document
that where he wouldn't have written it
that way necessarily and the
communication that she received
and passed along to you about deciding
but he was okay with that and he was
also okay with
the essential pieces of the protocol
that were in place
january um just as the town is doing
embarking on
our um emergency preparedness plan
that as you know dick probably too is
act president we have to locally prepare
at the library level here on grand
island a similar plan
so there wasn't anything and and our
legal team's cautious there wasn't
anything that
bridgette put before him that he
couldn't address
so if you want to speak more to that you
can bridge it but i think it's also
really good timing that
by february 4th we'll have um
a plan in place required by the state
that will really give us some good
guidance on
situations like this
i guess the other part of the uh
the question for us to think about is
if we want to
look at this from the two dates that we
are looking at to opening from the 15th
or the fifth um
if we scrutinize the
state plan more
we could put things off till the 15th if
that's what the thinking of the board is
if we want to open on the fifth
we could pass a resolution to
implement a plan with the understanding
that we are going to continue to look at
the metrics the levels to make
determinations
as they change and as are outlined and
updated by the state and or the county
can i speak to them yeah okay
um i wouldn't you know i go
all or nothing okay uh don't put the
caveat
in your suggestion um if we're having a
plan have a plan but don't
don't question is is it valid or not at
this point
the only reason i brought in the 15th
has nothing to do with legality
it only has to do with patrons okay
because if we're in an orange zone now
and by the 15th we get switched over to
a red zone
you're going to have to notify the
public again and if that's fine with
everybody
and it's fine with me then okay
you're gonna get grief either way if
you're closed you'll get grief
if you have to change the zone you're
gonna get grief so if you wanna remain
open that's the only reason i put 4th to
15th
um i do feel that part of the
what you said in as far as your second
motion was
should be incorporated in the agreement
to this to the effect that
this is a moving target and and the standards have been changed over the since the virus has been created or has occurred and uh we will do our best to keep track and update this plan to comply with with those change future changes and metrics um it's just a statement of good faith and shows our intent which uh you know as an attorney without having insurance coverage or anything you know if intent comes into into play it's important to demonstrate it so i think your statement is good but i wouldn't put it in the motion i put it in the plan for
future changes
okay so with that being said
the draft that you have in front of you
um
well let me let me go back for a second
just just to make another point
um i i think that the the the whole
question on
notification of the patrons of what is
going on
is very similar to what has happened all
along here with restaurants
they've been turned inside and out
because every other week or every two
weeks
they get they're open they're closed
they're open they're closed so
it's it's the same kind of predicament
that they have that we will also have
um as opening up
under a set of guidelines that could all
of a sudden be changed because
we're now in a different zone richard
i'm not
i'm not arguing with that
i agree with it i agree with it i'm just
saying
that this point of patrons that
pla pleasing patrons i was
previously brought up and so i addressed
it i'm not saying that i'm for it i'm
just
putting it out there that it should be
considered
i was not making a negative comment dick
i was just bringing it wanted to make a
point that's all
it was okay negative about it so even
though
i brought up that point i think that
at this point it's implied
whatever policy you have it's implied
that this is very fluid in any policy
so i think that people know that
that because because the governor's
changing his policies and everything all
the time the county is
you know cities and towns are and the
other point is
you know we don't have a crystal ball
and nobody does
but everybody thought that the numbers
were going to go up for thanksgiving
and they actually didn't i've been
reading in the buffalo news
that the numbers have been going down
you know
in erie county and that the fingers went
up
that you know so we just can't predict
these things
and i think if we go to red everyone
knows
everything is closed if it's red
you'll be all over radio and tv exactly
you know you missed but you're missing
you're going
you're going for the minor most
insignificant point
in the whole presentation okay
the point basically is using
using the county and the systems playing
with levels okay
and either we put them in
which i think is a good idea or we
totally take them out
just putting one level in
it just doesn't you know it just doesn't
make any sense especially
when this the part that's addressed in
the second level
is really not addressed uh if you take it out then what happens
if you're using this the county standard at .70 and uh you go above it then what happens you haven't addressed well that we go over 70 the way the way it's written in orange then we go back to curbside only is that right i don't i don't understand dick earns point of not having two levels because the way it was drafted before dick worked on it some was if we're in an orange zone we have a level one and a level two and it's based on statistics and we are either open or we go to curbside
and so the one thing that he did meant
that that has come up in this discussion
is i suggested that we don't make the
change till the following week
sounds like mary jean didn't think that
was a good idea and that we should try
to implement it within 36 hours
but we do have two levels under orange
so dick your comment about
not having two levels and and having two
different plans
i'm just kind of confused with the way
the orange zone is written
are you happy with the orange zone
with two levels if we make the change
within 36 hours
well what you're saying about
uh two levels you if i read the plan
correctly
uh the revised one you're only having
one level in orange it's got
it's got two levels under orange and
level one
is based on if the statistics are
um less than 70 per hundred thousand
and there's a level two if the
statistics are greater than
70 per 100 000 so the orange one
the only thing we really changed in that
one was the time of the implementation
and the the orange one is really just
the same as the one we got from
central okay if that's what it says i'm
in agreement with that now
what did you do about yellow okay the
yellow
we took out the statistics because
it told us that we were going to be open
if the statistics were
less than 70 for 100 000 and
we were going to go to curbside under a yellow zone if it was greater than 70 per hundred thousand so we thought that that was confusing because the yellow zone is really just a warning of following all your ppe and your cleanliness habits and social distancing it didn't seem like under yellow you would have to go all the way back to curbside service only and so that was the reason for taking it out okay then humor me why then why do you need any levels in yellow we took them out you have no levels in yellow in yellow it's just the same as in
the previous
micro cluster plan it just says
if the um area
grand island is in a yellow zone we will
continue day-to-day operations the
dropbox will be open
we will do all the necessary
um ppe and controls precautions
but there are no levels and and the
library would remain
open anytime we're still in a yellow
zone
well personally to me what you're saying
does make sense in combining the two two
standards i'm just
i'm just real part of this is just
relating what mary jean
told me and i can't really substantiate
exactly why
you know she explained it to me but it
was very hard to follow it was more of a political thing than anything else so um yeah i guess i wouldn't have any objections to that personally anybody else have any other comments so the only thing we would be adding to this will be a a statement that if the state determines new metrics to these plans we will make the appropriate changes to our plan on whether per our zones how we will open or close we don't need to change we don't need to change the plan we just need to adjust our operations so somewhere in here there was a statement that said we would implement the change within seven days
um and we just need to change that to within 36 hours

oh here it is um it's at the top of page four

it says the seven day equalized rate is determined by the health department and distributed who will distribute it to gml following receipt the gml will determine operations for the subsequent week which was my suggestion because i thought it would be easier but it should just be changed to within 36 hours and then the rest of it should be fine so we'll just change it to shall determine operations within 36 hours can you live with that bridgette yes okay thank you just make a note
27:12 so we have that plan in front of us with
27:14 this one change
27:17 is there any other changes anybody feels
27:19 at this time
27:22 okay um do you want me to put on the top
27:25 of page four
27:27 change to shall determine
27:31 operations within 36 hours do you want
27:33 that phrase in the minutes
27:35 yes and then you'll take out the
27:37 parentheses level one or level two
27:40 for the subsequent week
27:43 take out
27:47 level level one or level
27:50 two for the
27:55 subsequent week okay wouldn't you leave
27:58 that in dick you would leave the
28:00 level one or level two in and just
28:02 change for the subsequent week
28:04 um within 36 hours that's true that's
true

okay okay wait a second now i'm confused

again

i'm sorry um all right operations

for the subsequent week within 30

all right yeah you have to you have to

just leave it that sentence say

following receipt the gml will determine

operations level one or level two within

36 hours

i'll send it to you also pat okay that

would be good all right send this

i'll send it to everybody okay all right

any any other further discussion

oh i just had the one point in relation

to your point

that i thought was a good one that we

showed we have a good faith statement in

there

that we will adapt our plans if the
state changes their metric

okay well we do have a statement in there that says yeah gml will cooperate with new york state erie county and the local government officials so i mean it's i just think that should be expanded but that's that's fine if you want to leave it that way and we do have a statement that said guidelines are subject to change maybe if we make that more specific i think that's a good that's a good suggestion agnes that's at the end of level one and level two well it really doesn't apply to the levels this is this applies to our plan
that you know
well there's a statement in here that says this plan has been reviewed and approved by the board of trustees
december 22 2020.
you could certainly change that to say this plan has been reviewed and approved by the board of trustees and is subject to change based on guidance from the state and the county.
that's great i just wouldn't use the word guidance i would say on changes something to be affected on changes to uh the state plan where the state requirements okay that's a perfect place to put it i agree
i'll send both of those section a yep
30:34
i'll send both those statements out to
30:36
everybody
30:41
anything else well if they're there we
30:43
can vote on a plan right
30:45
that's why i'm asking anything else no
30:48
i didn't understand why you were sending
30:50
them out that's why
30:52
my last question is just what day does
30:53
the board want me to reopen
30:56
this plan will have the date of january
30:58
5th on it we have uh this motion was
31:05
moved by i believe rizzuto seconded by
31:07
becker is that correct
31:09
yes
31:12
would you call the question roll paul
31:16
okay crawford i
31:20
in a sec i earn
31:24
hi rizzuto i
31:28
becker hi okay
31:33
motion passes we have a plan
that certainly uh i think as we all know
we'll be moving
along depending on what happens here um
the other i i would ask that
uh we suspend the rules to add
an agenda item and that item is
officers for 20
okay but it's on the agenda oh it is
my email is from bridgette
my emails from bridget got all screwed
up yeah okay
okay all right so there's
the okay the agenda items for officers
for next year 2021. there has been some discussion back and forth basically to not basically to keep the same slate of officers we had for 2020. i'll open that up for discussion though it counts for nothing i think you're all fantastic in the way you each serve then i then i will entertain a motion that the secretary cast one vote for the positions of president vice president treasurer and secretary okay dick i think you need to mention the names probably because this is you know um live stream president richard crawford vice president jill
banisek secretary pat rizzuto and
treasurer richard
earn at large member agnes becker
oh thank you
jill so moves
is there a second a second second invite
dick earn
any further discussion
call please no you said that i was going
to
oh you're right one vote you got it okay
i vote to yes
okay that you know that point confuses
you're making a motion for her to cast
the secretary of the cast one vote so
don't you have to vote on that
we do caster one vote we do oh
okay oh okay so we have a state of
officers presented
and within that motion is for the secretary to cast one vote okay so now we have to um we have to do this so uh crawford i in a sec she stepped away oh okay we'll we'll skip to earn i rizzuto i becker i okay now i i raised the question richard with that done and and to bridget as well do we need a meeting on the seventh um well i mean we had a lot of policy stuff that that came up um so i i think i do have some agenda items for the seventh um i had also reached out to uh elaine
panty who's our system liaison

um the only two meetings that she can go
to next year are

january

richard richard richard it's me what can
i do

i try hard to change i really do so i i
i would i would

like to have one just just to um that

there's a couple policies that

need to be covered

for them that's okay i just raised the

question that was uh if you got stuff

we'd do it

i got it all right

bridget it seems like you have a really

good system going with um

rhonda deal in terms of communication

and getting the news out there because
36:09 there is a lot now to share that comes
36:11 out of this
36:12 um just for residents to know how what
36:15 to monitor maybe call first those sort
36:16 of things
36:17 but if you need any help in that regard
36:19 let me know all right john thank you
36:21 yep yes we'll wait for uh jill to come
36:24 back to the to her screen
36:27 um jen what does the town do
36:31 to get their messages out and how
36:33 effective is it
36:35 we utilize carrier pigeons and it's very
36:48 uh we actually find the most effective
36:51 is to utilize a variety
36:53 because there's nothing that all people
36:55 use
36:56 so we do everything from the dispatch
36:59 and the penny saver
37:00 for the people who like that we utilize
our Facebook account
for social media purposes we put stuff
on the website because some people
prefer to go right to the town website
and then we even go as far as using our
individual Facebook pages the ones that
we have for personal
and job use to get the word out and
encouraging our
residents to tell their neighbors you
know if you have a friend that doesn't
follow the news much let them know
so we rely on the word of mouth as well
so we we find the only way to reach as
many as we can is to try as many methods
as we can we wish there was one silver
bullet
well there's also there's a couple of
other uh
sites that that people then repost our
stuff on
um grand ideas grander ideas and and
things of that nature so
um oh isle de grande we forgot to i
forgot to mention that dicker and um
we always send stuff there it's just
regularly widespread and often you know
just
yeah okay and we still hear from people
dick that
people never knew like we'll we'll give
them the information
we do all that and then people say i had
no idea and we just say we're sorry
okay jill is back right you had a you
had to get a vote from her didn't you
yes jill we need a vote from you to piss
the motion that you moved
that the secretary kissed one vote to
um for the slate so i thought i voted
i guess i must have muted myself um
all right all right i thought i knew
that since you made the motion
so
i would uh i would entertain a motion
that we adjourn at
4 38 in the memory of philip muck
and eden trustee who passed away
just a moment of silence
and on that ring if somebody would like
to make that motion
still moves moved by banzai seconded by
earn
any further discussion um one question
how do you spell that name uh philip
p-h-i-l-l-i-p-m-u-c-k
and he was a trustee with the eden
public library
a past president you're muted dick
i'm just curious how did you find out
about that there was an email from Mary Jean today it was yeah okay all right I have to talk to her about putting me on that list okay thank you okay so we have our motion to adjourn up we have to vote on that I guess all in favor say aye hi hi any opposed we are adjourned happy new year everybody happy new year Bridget are you in tomorrow yeah all day all right Bridget i have a couple of questions for you
after this is
um give me a call i'm here pat okay
all righty jen benny thanks for hosting
yeah can you send it back over to me for
a second um
we're still live on youtube for some
reason thanks
any big plans for new year's anybody you
going out
or not erin you're going out disco
dancing
you asking me that yeah
English (auto-generated)