

# GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

**THURSDAY, March 26 @ 5:00 PM ZOOM CLOUD MEETING**

**LIVE STREAM VIA TOWN OF GRAND ISLAND YOU TUBE PAGE**

### TRANSCRIPT

ROLL CALL: Present were:

President Richard Crawford

Secretary Pat Rizzuto

Vice President Jill Banaszak

Treasurer Richard Earne

Trustee Agnes Becker

Library Director Bridgette Heinz

Town Liaison Jennifer Baney

Friends Liaison Mary Cooke

CALL TO ORDER: the meeting was called to order at 5:02 by President Crawford

### TRANSCRIPT

Jennifer Baney:

yeah you could always touch base with Dick later

Bridgette Heintz:

yeah I am I just read it fast and that not enough to absorb it yet so

Pat Rizzuto:

yeah there's some nasty things out there on YouTube that have been recorded on Zoom the last few days apparently some woman forgot and left her thing on and went to the bathroom

Jennifer Baney:

you know we're live now so

Pat Rizzuto:

nevermind

Jennifer Baney:

I figured once there started to be a few people here it's best to go live and Dick's gonna check Facebook live feed and see when that comes to fruition

Dick Crawford:

We're live...little delay in the live... you want me to go to Facebook?

Jennifer Baney:  
sorry I meant to say YouTube I always  
say the wrong thing...You Tube, our YouTube channel  
why is the looping Dick or do you just keep rewinding it?

Dick Crawford:  
No, it's delayed

Jennifer Baney:  
okay but all as well I thought I heard the same thing twice  
we're good?

Dick Crawford:  
maybe you did

Jennifer Baney:  
no we're good

Dick Crawford:  
I'm gonna turn the sound down

Jennifer Baney:  
yeah now that we know we're good  
so did anyone get a chance to see any updates today at  
the county or state level I didn't get to touch base with any of that

Bridgette Heintz:  
he's sounds like Cuomo's more focusing on getting hospital beds and ventilators I didn't hear anything  
else besides that

Jennifer Baney:  
yeah I didn't get to see them today yeah

Dick Crawford:  
I would agree with that assessment

Jennifer Baney:  
You still have the volume up Dick or someone does

Bridgette Heintz:  
oh it's me I got my Kindle right next to my speaker so let me shut my speaker off

Dick Crawford:  
so it's exciting that the gas station at Stony Point and ransom is going  
to reopen

Jennifer Baney:  
mm-hmm

Bridgette Heintz:  
oh really

Jennifer Baney:  
Yeah

Bridgette Heintz:  
are they actually gonna put a spot in there cuz that sign is always tempting every time I drive past it.

Dick Crawford:  
The family that owned NOCO, well they still own NOCO they are opening it

Bridgette Heintz:  
That'll be good

Dick Crawford:  
they're negotiating with Marcos to try to get them back

Jennifer Baney:  
that was not the information I passed along I believe another town board member shared that as you now share that with Grand Island

Dick Crawford:  
Oh

Jennifer Baney:  
Dick, do you want to address your rumor passing along or no

Dick Crawford:  
You can respond on it

Jennifer Baney:  
I can't...no  
That was something that someone else shared with you

Dick Crawford:  
well I know that it has been it has been talk for over a year and a half that that was going to happen and evidently today they get a lot of clearing of the lot and sprucing the place up so it looks evident that something positive is happening there

Jennifer Baney:  
someone still has their Kindle or something playing come on I

Bridgette Heintz:  
Not mine, I've got all my volume off or sound off

Jennifer Baney:

well I guess now the library Board of Trustees meetings are going to be the thing to watch where you can get new and updated information from highway superintendent Crawford / trustee president trustee, head trustee, what's the term

Bridgette Heintz:  
board president

Dick Crawford:  
Emperor  
Jenn my iPads not telling me how many people are viewing this

Jennifer Baney:  
do you want me to look

Bridgette Heintz:  
two are watching now

Jennifer Baney:  
is it both of you

Bridgette Heintz:  
Possibly because I'm on it  
all right where's the rest of our board

Jennifer Baney:  
well we're a little early

Bridgette Heintz:  
okay

Jennifer Baney:  
yeah you're in two viewers

Bridgette Heintz:  
Me and Dick

Jennifer Baney:  
so Bridgette because you never know who will watch this meeting

Bridgette Heintz:  
yes

Jennifer Baney:  
can you to let everyone know what's happening if their kids have library books out and they're worried about returning them or if they have something that might be overdue but the library drop slot is locked what are they what's happening

Bridgette Heintz:

So at this point the library's closed to the public and the staff until March 31st in order to stop this you know the further spread I've closed the book drop the library system has extended due dates to April 30th so you know hopefully by then we'll be in a better place and be able to accept stuff in

Jennifer Baney:

do they have the ability if we were if the unfortunate happens and we're still in some kind of shelter in place you just anticipate them extending that longer

Bridgette Heintz:

correct

Jennifer Baney:

that's great nope no fines no fees no

Bridgette Heintz:

and it's like it's also a judgment call when it comes back I mean if somebody comes in and they have a good you know case like hey my stuff's overdue it was never forwarded I'll work with anybody so you know just

Jennifer Baney:

That's great

Bridgette Heintz:

if anything comes up once we reopen and you notice anything just come in and talk to me and I'll you know I'll happily you know work with anybody...that's what's reasonable so yeah but for right now everything should be doing on April 30th and if we have to extend this thing then we'll extend due dates I'm positive that the system would do that

Jennifer Baney:

so fees are negotiable I mean I've got an eight year with a dollar fifty hanging over his head right now

Bridgette Heintz:

Well, I don't know about that.

Jennifer Baney:

Totally joking

Bridgette Heintz:

okay Jen I only got \$4.50

Jennifer Baney:

That makes me feel a lot better if you ow money...that's great and mine aren't usually finws its fees for ordering books from other places

Bridgette Heintz:

ordering books and ordering movies and such so yes so no I tend to be pretty reasonable in it when you come in so

Jennifer Baney:  
glad to hear it

Bridgette Heintz:  
we got Jill in

Jennifer Baney:  
Jill's here, Jill's here

Dick Crawford:  
hi Jill

Jill Banaszak:  
Hi Dick hi everybody

Bridgette Heintz:  
hello

Dick Crawford:  
we're on live streaming also

Jennifer Baney:  
so you can check yourself out later on YouTube

Jill Banaszak:  
I don't think I've ever YouTubed myself

Dick Crawford:  
so everybody is a movie star now  
so if you're gonna be out trimming your trees  
if any residents are watch

Jennifer Baney:  
Is this a highway update right now okay go for it

Dick Crawford:  
Because the highway department is not in either unless we get an emergency the highway department is on standby two different teams but if residents are out cutting their trees ranchers pinning stuff getting stuff cleaned up in the winter please just bringing to your curb and we'll get to them when we get released by the governor to go back to work  
hi Mary

Jennifer Baney:  
Hi Mary

Dick Crawford:  
can you hear us Mary

Bridgette Heintz:  
her audios connecting

Jennifer Baney:  
she's getting there

Dick Crawford:  
can you hear us now Mary

Mary Cooke:  
I got you

Jennifer Baney:  
And we great whoo

Mary Cooke:  
it's working

Jennifer Baney:  
Dick is there ever a situation on Grand Island that residents should be burning branches

Dick Crawford:  
no certainly no not at this time plus the DEC has their own restrictions in place for that

Jennifer Baney:  
can you expound upon that is there someone to come in our meeting named Nathan

Dick Crawford:  
it could be Agnes

Jennifer Baney:  
we'll give it a try

Bridgette Heintz:  
We're missing Dick Earne and Agnes

Agnes Becker:  
I'm here

Dick Crawford:  
Oh, I can hear Agnes' voice  
we can hear you we can't see you

Agnes Becker:  
I can't either I did before for a minute but it says launching

Jennifer Baney:  
yeah

Dick Crawford;

so I believe the DEC guidelines are like three-foot high fires small campfire kind of stuff not big

Jennifer Baney:

so they should be just putting them at the road or storing them their yard until later and then putting them at the road much further what you'll get to it when employees return well yeah definitely not a priority right now

Dick Crawford:

no I was out yesterday and the day before and it appears there hasn't been a lot of activity with people cutting branches or cutting trimming trees point stuff out from winter damage hopefully we don't get inundated well

Jennifer Baney:

I'm just your host for the evening so I'll stay quiet and Dick and Bridgette just tell me what you need

Jennifer Baney:

yes

Agnes Becker:

is there something I should do to get the video

Jennifer Baney:

yep I would uh are you on your phone or on a tablet

Agnes Becker:

no I'm on my PC

Jennifer Baney:

Okay I would scroll around with your mouse or your little pad there and look if you can see if you could find a white triangle and rectangle that looks like a video camera and click on that and look for a speaker also for well you have your sound on you're looking for your video

Agnes Becker:

Mmm I don't see anything like that but I can hear you so that's okay

Jennifer Baney:

yeah you're coming through crystal clear so I'll just be here if anyone has trouble I'll let Dick Earne in and I'll be quiet and in the back

Bridgette Heintz:

There he is hi Dick.

Dick Earne:

Hello how are you



## **MEETING STARTS HERE**

Dick Crawford:

Everybody's present I'll call the meeting to order we have a few things to do approve some minutes  
Bridgette this the agenda says approve minutes from March 12 should that be the 17<sup>th</sup>

Bridgette Heintz:

No, we had the regular meeting on the 12th and then we had the special meeting on the 17th I didn't  
know and I sent both those minutes to all of you

Dick Crawford:

right okay then I'll entertain a motion to accept to approve the minutes from March 12th regular  
meeting and March 17th special meeting

Jill Banaszak:

I move

Dick Crawford:

move by Jill  
Second

Agnes Becker:

I'll second

Dick Crawford:

have second seconded by Agnes Agnes we see you now

Jill Banaszak:

well the top of your head

Agnes Becker:

I still can't see you

Dick Crawford:

is there any further discussion on the minutes from the regular meeting and the special meeting

Dick Earne:

nope

Dick Crawford:

hearing none I'll ask for a roll call

Pat Rizzuto:

okay do you want me to go through the names

Dick Crawford:

er yes please

Pat Rizzuto:  
okay um Crawford

Dick Crawford:  
aye

Pat Rizzuto:  
Becker

Agnes Becker:  
Aye

Pat Rizzuto:  
Banaszak

Jill Banaszak:  
Aye

Pat Rizzuto:  
Uh Earne

Dick Earne:  
Aye

Pat Rizzuto:  
Rizzuto  
Aye  
Ok

Dick Crawford:  
motion passes unanimously  
old business discuss and approved the annual report to the state Bridgette

Bridgette Heintz:  
Yes um so I sent you the 2019 state report in the email were there any questions on it I'd ask for  
you guys to send me questions beforehand so I could be prepared but any last-minute things

Agnes Becker:  
I just had one Bridgette  
3 and 3.2 registered resident borrowers there is a tremendous difference like fifteen hundred

Bridgette Heintz:  
Let me get down to that one three point two you said Agnes yes okay so there's two  
columns on this the column that's italicized all the way to the rights is  
the number from I believe 2018 yes from the previous year so I'll tell you  
why every October and November the system has a it's library card sign up month so I'm sorry

September and October they did two months this past year so basically it was like a contest throughout the system to try to get as many new library cards done as possible so in October Pamela had all the third graders from Kaegebein come and what we had a lot of programming we had a huge push to try to get new patrons in so that's why the number is so much higher this year I think we did a couple hundred between September and October plus summer this past year was huge our numbers were really really good if you could I don't know them off the top of my head but if you referred to the 2019 annual report those numbers are in there and everyone in this group has it and it is available via Grand Island library's website

Agnes Becker:  
but that was really great Bridgette

Dick Earne:  
so with all those increases the visits that went down

Bridgette Heintz:  
well the circ or the door count

Dick Earne:  
the library business total annual attendance

Bridgette Heintz;  
um where are you looking they're all the one right above it

Dick Earne:  
Yeah

Bridgette Heintz:  
it wasn't down too much Dick if you look so

Dick Earne:  
no I'm not saying that with the increase in the other line it's it's that's nothing wrong with it I'm just you know just making an observation that's all

Bridgette Heintz:  
because we also have a lot of virtual users as well because the numbers of ebook downloads has went up a lot reflecting in that it's just with those numbers those get counted on the central level we don't get those in our stats

Jill Banaszak:  
and Bridgette the increase in the programming both the numbers of programs and the attendees was excellent so thank you and thank Pamela for all your effort

Dick Earne:  
okay so but yeah the children's programs went down that that's surprising

Jill Banaszak:

that's because I think the other programming which is probably like the family programming that went way up

Dick Earne:  
Yeah

Bridgette Heintz:  
right yeah right also she changed the structure of how of how the school age programming was done this past year because it used to be two separate programs based on age groups so she put those two together and had a huge group each week come in for summer story time stuff and so that changed it as well but she had like 40, 50 kids each week

Jill Banaszak:  
yes you know totally there's a total is definitely...

Dick Crawford:  
Any other questions on the report  
I'll entertain a motion to accept the report

Dick Earne:  
I'll so move

Dick Crawford:  
Move by Dick Earne  
Second

Jill Banaszak:  
I'll second

Dick Crawford:  
seconded by Jill any further discussion

Bridgette Heintz:  
yes actually we have to approve this via resolution

Dick Crawford:  
okay

Bridgette Heintz:  
which I sent to Pat

Dick Earne:  
Hold on a second let me try to find it

Dick Crawford:  
Pat do you want to read...

Pat Rizzuto:

you know what I didn't bring it here with me but I have a copy of it I just I'll have to run and get it

Dick Earne:

hold on no no one second I have it on my computer let me just pull it up  
where's the resolution here would go no I've got it right here

Pat Rizzuto:

okay I have it I just got another computer I could read it well

Dick Earne:

here it is one second since I'm making the motion I'll rest...global great...no I'm sorry I guess I don't have too many things oh here we are resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of Grand Island...and I hereby...no...resolved that the library are operated under its plans of service in accordance with the provisions of education law and the regulations of the commissioner and be it further resolved that the library attest that the financial information provided by the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library in New York State as part of any and all reporting is true and complete and be it further resolved that the annual report was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees

Dick Crawford:

Moved by Dick Earne and seconded by Jill any further discussion  
hearing none...

Pat Rizzuto:

you wanna roll call on this

Dick Crawford:

please

Pat Rizzuto:

okay Crawford

Dick Crawford:

aye

Pat Rizzuto:

Becker

Agnes Becker:

Aye

Pat Rizzuto:

Banaszak

Jill Banaszak:

Aye

Pat Rizzuto:

Earne

Dick Earne:

Aye

Pat Rizzuto:

Rizzuto

Aye

Dick Crawford:

Motion passes

under new business we need to reaffirm another resolution due to COVID 19 to close the library so it's up for do we want to go another two weeks

Dick Earne:

Bridgette what's Mary Jean recommended

Bridgette Heintz:

okay so here's where I'm at at this point um because the governor's current executive order is through March 31<sup>st</sup> there hasn't been any further action on it because it's only March 26 so I recommend probably waiting another week because he will have to be addressing this again next week it'll be new executive orders going through that will be disseminated through the county and then through administration for the library so at this point I have no recommendation to extend the closing because I don't have any higher up info to go on

Dick Crawford:

our current resolution will expire on the 31st of March

Dick Earne:

can I make a recommendation that we make it a flowing resolution that will follow the guidelines to set down by the governor of New York State unless subsequently modified by this board

Dick Crawford:

Is there a second

I'll second that after discussion

so Pat did you get what Dick said

Pat Rizzuto:

No because I wasn't sure that it was going through

Dick Crawford:

can you restate that Richard

Dick Earne:

I move that the see that the what are we calling this that the closure of our library and be tied with all recommendations of the governor of New York State unless modified by this board

Dick Crawford:

Let me know when you have that Pat

Pat Rizzuto:  
he moved that the closure of the library what did you say contingent upon

Dick Earne:  
no what I use I didn't say contingent

Bridgette Heintz:  
you had tied to

Dick Earne:  
okay tied to yes not the best terminology but it fits

Pat Rizzuto:  
okay  
okay but if anyone can think of a synonym let's see

Jill Banaszak:  
how about follow the directives

Pat Rizzuto:  
That sounds better

Dick Earne:  
all right Thank You

Pat Rizzuto:  
directives of the Governor of New York

Dick Earne:  
unless subsequently modified by this board

Pat Rizzuto:  
okay so trustee Earne moved that the closure of the library be follow the directive of the governor of New York State unless subsequently this board and I think that trustee Crawford seconded this for discussion right

Dick Crawford:  
any further discussion

Jill Banaszak:  
Bridgette is that does that make you comfortable is that clear enough

Bridgette Heintz:  
yeah basically what I was thinking about anyway I don't feel comfortable doing anything unless there's something coming down from the governor and from Erie County and from library

Jill Banaszak:

okay so this would prevent us from having to video conference and vote like weekly and keep extending it this would just allow it to roll on until we get a directive that says we can reopen

Dick Earne:

yep okay that's the intention

Mary Cooke:

okay can I just offer one one concern

Dick Crawford:

Yeah go ahead Mary

Mary Cooke:

Bridgette are we expecting that the governor I'm assuming he'll talk to the whole state but lately the big COVID problem is in four counties down state so if there's ever an idea that Erie County Libraries Mary Jean might do something different because Erie County might not be in such a horrible situation in time to come so would it be better to possibly say that the directive that Bridgette will follow for Grand Island library will follow what Erie County is doing because we may be in a different state or we may be in a different situation than the entire state

Dick Earne:

well can I speak to that the ACT board has had asked to have a face-to-face meeting and I spoke with Mary Jean and she said that until the governor modified the regulation she wasn't going to be changing it but the safeguard is that we as a board don't have to go along with the governor if we subsequently hear that they're going to be changes made by Mary Jean or the system so that safeguard is there any way

Mary Cooke:

okay

Dick Crawford:

Alright everybody good

Pat Rizzuto:

Do you want me to read it again before the vote

Dick Crawford:

Please

Pat Rizzuto:

I just question what about the county executive when he wouldn't even play into this would he

Dick Crawford:

he possibly could

Mary Cooke:

He could



Dick Crawford:

I think as Mary said if something happens things are relaxed to some degree then we would probably have to call another special meeting we would hear from Mary Jean and the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library and then move forward from there

Pat Rizzuto:

okay all right so then I'll read it the way that it is that the closure of the library follow the directive of the Governor of New York unless modified by this board and it was seconded by trustee Crawford

Dick Crawford:

everybody comfortable with that  
\*\*dog barks\*\*

Dick Earne:

Somebody isn't

Jill Banaszak:

Somebody doesn't like it

Dick Crawford:

Marla is trying to take care of Charlie

Pat Rizzuto:

Should I begin our roll call

Dick Crawford:

Yes please

Pat Rizzuto:

okay Crawford

Dick Crawford;

Aye

Pat Rizzuto:

Becker

Agnes Becker:

Aye

Pat Rizzuto:

Banaszak

Jill Banaszak:

Aye

Pat Rizzuto:  
Earne

Dick Earne:  
Aye

Pat Rizzuto:  
Rizzuto  
Aye

Dick Crawford:  
motion passes

Pat Rizzuto:  
slightly out of alphabetical order here  
okay

Dick Crawford:  
is there any other business that anyone has then I would say that we are done for today unless something very positive happens that we're able to come together again to move forward so thank you everybody for coming in and I'll entertain a motion to adjourn

Agnes Becker:  
so moved

Dick Crawford:  
Moved by Agnes

Jill Banaszak:  
I'll second

Dick Crawford:  
seconded by Jill any discussion

Jennifer Baney:  
best I've ever been in a meeting this is hard for me

Dick Crawford:  
Hearing none call the roll please

Pat Rizzuto:  
okay Crawford

Dick Crawford:  
aye

Pat Rizzuto:  
Becker

Agnes Becker:  
Aye

Pat Rizzuto:  
Banaszak

Jill Banaszak:  
Aye

Pat Rizzuto:  
Earne

Dick Earne:  
Aye

Pat Rizzuto:  
Rizzuto  
Aye

Dick Crawford:  
We are adjourned thank you everybody

Pat Rizzuto:  
what time is it is it 5:17 okay

Dick Earne:  
5:18

Pat Rizzuto:  
5:18 ok

Jennifer Baney:  
I'm ending the meeting thank you all