



The Resolution was passed by all those present (Berger, Longo, Perrone, and Sasson, absent). (RM#1-02/2024)

### III. REPORTS

#### a. Personnel and Finance Committee (Axelrod, Chair):

##### i. Financial Report and Warrant:

Treasurer Axelrod reported that the Library's operating expenditures were \$428,929 and the capital expenditures were \$102,741.

Axelrod presented to the Board for approval last month's *Warrant*.

- Upon motion made by Axelrod and duly seconded by Ferguson, it was:

RESOLVED, *That the Board approve Warrant #7 in the amount of \$531,670.*

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Berger, Longo, Perrone, and Sasson, absent). (RM#2-02/2024)

##### ii. Renovation Project Subcontractor Default Issue:

Treasurer Axelrod reported that the *Personnel and Finance Committee* and the *Building and Grounds Committee* met at a combined meeting to discuss the subcontractor default issue regarding the *Renovation Project*. The Library's counsel has reviewed the matter and discussed it with the *Committees*.

Axelrod explained that because of the subcontractor default issue, the Board should decide whether or not to withhold further payment due to *Consigli Construction Company*, the general contractor for the *Renovation Project*, or to pay only a portion of the balance due.

A lengthy discussion followed.

- Upon motion made by Ferguson and duly seconded by Voce, it was:

*RESOLVED, That the Board approve payment to Consigli Construction Company for the October 2023 invoice in the amount of \$304,214.07 pending final advice from counsel.*

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Berger, Longo, Perrone, and Sasson, absent). (RM#3-02/2024)

iii. Transfer of Funds from Chase Bank to PCSB Bank:

Treasurer Axelrod presented to the Board for approval the transfer of funds in the amount of \$600,000 from the *Chase Bank* invoice account to the *PCSB Bank* invoice account.

- Upon motion made by Axelrod and duly seconded by Ferguson, it was:

*RESOLVED, That the Board approve the transfer of funds from the Chase Bank invoice account to the PCSB Bank invoice account in the amount of \$600,000.*

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Berger, Longo, Perrone, and Sasson, absent). (RM#4-02/2024)

iv. New York State Annual Report 2023:

Treasurer Axelrod reported that the *New York State Annual Report 2023* will be reviewed by the *Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS)* before submission to *New York State*. Director Gallagher presented it to the Board for acceptance.

- Upon motion made by Voce and duly seconded by Axelrod, it was:

*RESOLVED, that the Library operated under its plan of service in accordance with the provisions of Education Law and the Regulations of the Commissioner, and assures that the 2023 Annual Report was reviewed and accepted by the Board.*

The Resolution was passed with four in favor (Ciardullo, abstained; Berger, Longo, Perrone, and Sasson, absent). (RM#5-02/2024)

b. Building and Grounds Committee (Sasson, Chair):

i. Renovation Project:

Punch List: Due to Sasson’s absence, Director Gallagher reported that she and Donald Mac Donald, architect consultant for the *Renovation Project*, toured the building to review the punch list items, many of which have now been completed.

Concrete: Director Gallagher reported that the new concrete for the walkways is showing signs of deterioration. Mac Donald will conduct additional research on the concrete issue. Gallagher will arrange a meeting with the engineer from ANZ, Envirospace Architects, and the concrete subcontractor. Gallagher reported that she had only received the *Operations Manual* for the building just last week.

c. Policy and Planning Committee (Longo, Chair):

Due to Longo’s absence, there was no report.

d. Legal Affairs Committee (Ranieri, Chair):

Ranieri reported that the *Committee* met with the Library’s counsel last week regarding the subcontractor default issue. Ranieri will follow up with counsel regarding the matters discussed earlier in the meeting during the *Personnel and Finance Committee* report.

e. Ad Hoc Committee: Bargaining Negotiating Committee (Berger, Chair):

Axelrod reported that an agreement had been reached with the *Staff Association*, which was ratified last week by the *Staff Association*. The Board agreed to discuss the matter in an *Executive Session*.

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Upon motion made by Ciardullo and duly seconded by Axelrod, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Board enter into an *Executive Session* to discuss the *Collective Bargaining Agreement*.

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Berger, Longo, Perrone, and Sasson, absent). (RM#6-02/2024)

The Board entered into an *Executive Session* at 7:48 p.m.

- Upon motion made by Voce and duly seconded by Ranieri, it was:

RESOLVED, *that the Board resume the Regular Meeting.*

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Berger, Longo, Perrone, and Sasson, absent). (RM#7-02/2024)

The Board resumed the *Regular Meeting* at 7:52 p.m.

- Upon motion made by Axelrod and duly seconded by Voce, it was:

RESOLVED, *that the Board approve the 2024-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement.*

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Berger, Longo, Perrone, and Sasson, absent). (RM#7-02/2024)

Axelrod reported that the *Administrative Staff* mirrors the *Staff Association* contract and that those *Administrative Staff* members who have completed the salary steps by July 1, 2024, will have the following salary increases:

- 2024: 4%
  - 2025: 3%
  - 2026: 2%
  - 2027: 2%
- Upon motion made by Axelrod and duly seconded by Voce, it was:

RESOLVED, *that the Board approve the 2024-2027 Benefits for Administrative Staff.*

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Berger, Longo, Perrone, and Sasson, absent). (RM#8-02/2024)

f. President’s Report (Berger):

Due to President Berger’s absence, there was no report.

g. Director’s Report (Gallagher):

Director Gallagher had nothing further to report.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Appointment of Auditor (Berger, President):

Due to President Berger’s absence, Treasurer Axelrod reported that the *Committee* has yet to meet to discuss the appointment of the auditor; thus, he requested that the matter be tabled until further notice. The audit process commences in the fall.

- Upon motion made by Axelrod and duly seconded by Ferguson, it was:

RESOLVED, *that the Board table the appointment of the auditor.*

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Berger, Longo, Perrone, and Sasson, absent). (RM#9-02/2024)

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

b. Board Communications (Ferguson, Secretary):

Secretary Ferguson has nothing to report.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments offered.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- Upon motion made by Axelrod and duly seconded by Ferguson, it was:

RESOLVED, *that the Board adjourn the meeting.*

The Resolution was passed by all those present (Berger, Longo, Perrone, and Sasson, absent). (RM#10-02/2024)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Submitted by James Ferguson, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
NEW CITY LIBRARY  
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