

BERGENFIELD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES EMERGENCY MEETING
Conducted virtually via Zoom

Minutes
July 15, 2021

Present

Thomas Neats, President
Barbara Chittum, Recording Secretary
Marcela Deauna, Treasurer
Fanny Cruz-Betesh
Natalie Rivas
Mayor Arvin Amatorio
Christopher Langschultz, Alternate for Superintendent of Schools
Allison Ballo, Director
Darlene Swistock, Interim Recorder of Minutes

President Neats called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Notification of Public Meeting

President Neats read the report on public notification of this meeting.

Minutes

Motion by Ms. Cruz-Betesh to accept the June 10, 2021 meeting minutes.
Ms. Deauna seconded the motion.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Ms. Chittum - Yes
Ms. Cruz-Betesh - Yes
Ms. Deauna - Yes
Mr. Neats - Yes
Ms. Rivas - Yes
Mayor Amatorio - Yes
Mr. Langschultz - Yes

The motion carried.

Bills

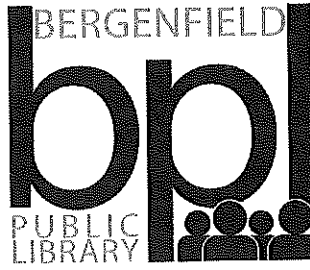
President Neats asked for a motion to approve and add the July 8, 2021 bill list to the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Langschultz to add the July 8, 2021 bill list to the agenda.
Ms. Deauna seconded the motion.

Motion by Mr. Langschultz to approve the July 8, 2021 bill list.
Ms. Deauna seconded the motion.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Ms. Chittum - Yes



Ms. Cruz-Betesh - Yes
Ms. Deauna - Yes
Mr. Neats - Yes
Ms. Rivas - Yes
Mayor Amatorio - Yes
Mr. Langschultz - Yes

The motion carried.

Public Portion

No report

New Business

Ms. Ballo requested guidance from the Board regarding the COVID-19 safety protocols currently in place and provided recommendations. Protocols included mask requirements, patron visit and computer session length, occupancy limits, unaccompanied minors and the resumption of indoor programming and room rentals.

Discussion followed. President Neats asked Mr. Langschultz about safety protocol in the schools. Mayor Amatorio noted the Borough's Health Department is also following state guidelines and it would be beneficial if the library and schools were consistent with mask requirements. It was proposed that the Library defer to CDC guidelines concerning mask usage. Indoor programs in the Children's Room and YA Room and room rentals will require attendees to wear masks.

The Board agreed with Ms. Ballo's other recommendations and decided to change the Library's current policy to follow CDC recommendations for mask usage.

**Motion by Mr. Langshultz to approve the consensus motions effective August 1, 2021.
Ms. Deauna seconded the motion.**

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Ms. Chittum - Yes
Ms. Cruz-Betesh - Yes
Ms. Deauna - Yes
Mr. Neats - Yes
Ms. Rivas - Yes
Mayor Amatorio - Yes
Mr. Langschultz - Yes

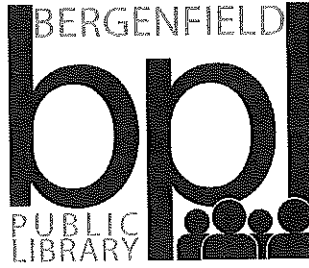
The motion carried.

Mr. Neats reported on the sample of the "Welcome to Bergenfield, Welcome to Your Library" mailer postcard for new residents that was included in the board packet.

The Library has also received very positive feedback regarding the new passport service.

Mayor Amatorio welcomed Ms. Rivas to the board.

The next meeting will be held in person on September 9, 2021. If Ms. Ballo needs to provide an update on the approved COVID-19 policy changes, the board will hold another emergency meeting in August.



Adjournment

**Motion by Ms. Cruz-Betesh to adjourn the meeting.
Ms. Deauna seconded the motion.**

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Ms. Chittum - Yes
Ms. Cruz-Betesh - Yes
Ms. Deauna - Yes
Mr. Neats - Yes
Ms. Rivas - Yes
Mayor Amatorio - Yes
Mr. Langschultz - Yes

The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Chittum

Darlene Swistock, Recorder for
Barbara Chittum, Recording Secretary