

**Minutes for the regularly scheduled meeting of the
Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of Audubon
March 25, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Maria Lario Schuman at 7:02 pm.

Akiema Buchanan took roll call.

Roll Call

Present

Patricia Rossell
Maria Lario Schuman
Nikki Bicking
Rosann Endt
Amanda Negro
Jeff Clarke
Patricia Whalen
Elina Matthews, Bookkeeper
Library Director, Akiema Buchanan

Absent

Danielle Ingves
Mayor Rob Jakubowski

Statement of Open Meeting

Maria Lario Schuman confirmed that the required forty-eight (48) hour notice for the meeting was provided to the public through announcements published in the Retrospect and Courier Post, and on the Library's website and Library announcement board in accordance with state law.

Approval of Minutes

Motion M24-11 to approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustee's regular meeting on February 26, 2024 was made by Lario Schuman and seconded by Jeff Clarke. The motion passed by affirmative vote of majority of present members, Amanda Negro abstained.

Annual Resolutions

- **R24-17** to award Ditmars Perazza & Co the contract for Library Auditor made by Lario Schuman and seconded by Negro. Resolution passed by unanimous vote of present members.

Treasurer's Report

Library Assistant and Bookkeeper Elina Matthews provided the Board with financial reports through February 2024 as well as a list of claims for the month of March 2024.

Resolution R24-18 Authorizing Payment of February 2024 Claims totaling \$8,374.24 made by Lario Schuman and seconded by Clarke. Resolution passed by unanimous vote of present members.

President's Report

No Report this month

Director's Report - Attached

Policy Committee –

Strategic and Capital Plan Committee –

Had first meeting and a meeting will be held every month. Discussed 5 pertinent goals; need both generic concepts and specific goals in action goals. Much of the plan has items that are renewable and recyclable. Maria will put together the survey.

Public Comment:

Joanne Johnson, Audubon NJ, stated that she went to Makers' Day and enjoyed it. She also enjoyed the Spice Road program. Joan Johnson, Audubon NJ, mentioned that she was at another library that they were having a seedling & plant exchange. She would love for that to happen at the Audubon Library. She also spoke encouraging words to the Library Director about the programs and attendance.

Motion to Adjourn

March meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm by Lario Schuman.

Respectfully submitted,
Akiema Buchanan, Director