

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY
Special Meeting
February 2, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance:

Trustees: Jaime Aguirre Arthur Jay
 ~~Reginald Bush~~ Mirla Morrison
 Peter Capek Tom Staudter

OPL Staff: James Farrell, Director
 Molly Robbins

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Jay reported that there will be 3 Board seats open for the May 15th election. Two seats are scheduled for 3 year terms while the third one is scheduled for two years. The highest number of votes will decide which of the candidates will get which seat. The candidates with the top two number of votes will get three year terms while the person with the third highest will win the two year term.

OPL Director Farrell presented the following budget scenarios to the Finance Committee and Board of Trustees.

- 1) Union contract not settled
- 2) Trimming \$100,000 from Operating Budget
- 3) Trimming \$75,000 from Operating Budget
- 4) One year total freeze (no annual staff pay increases, no step increases or longevity)

[At this time, Trustee Staudter arrived to the meeting]

The Finance Committee asked questions about the scenarios which the Director responded to. However, the Finance Committee stated that the budget scenario they were interested in seeing put together was the 2% budget cap scenario as they requested at a December meeting of the Finance committee. The Director explained that this would force the Library to cut into services and the collection. He openly discussed eliminating the nightly cleaning. Trustee Capek asked the Director to look for reductions elsewhere before the cleaning was affected. The Director also mentioned knowing someone who could perform the cleaning duties for less which the Board asked him to look further into. The Director asked for additional time to put together the numbers with the OPL's bookkeeper Bob Majernek.

A follow-up meeting to review the numbers has been scheduled for February 7 at 5:30 pm at the OPL.

The Board voted to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.