

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY
Special Meeting
February 7, 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

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

Trustee Morrison raised a question whether two separate budgets can be presented to the public for the vote in May. Director Farrell was told by the OPL lawyers that this was not possible. President Jay and Trustee Morrison recalled a vote about twenty years ago when the voters were presented with a two budget proposals. The Director stated that he would ask the lawyers again.

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

- 1) 2% Budget increase – total budget of \$3.79M forcing \$152,250 in cuts
- 2) 2% Budget increase plus adding back 2 hours of service – total budget of approximately \$3.80M forcing \$152,250 in cuts

The Director presented a preliminary figure of \$13,600 to allow the library to remain open an additional two hours. The Board asked him to provide a solid number so that it is aware of the true cost and can make a decision.

The differences in the increases that the two budgets would represent are 2% and roughly 2.49%.

The Board will await the final numbers on the increased hours of service from the Director. Afterwards, the Finance Committee will convene and make its recommendation to the full Board at its March meeting.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Board will not be able to meet in February for its monthly meeting but will reconvene in March.

The Board voted to adjourn at 6:34 p.m.