

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 12, 2012, 7:30 p.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance:

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

OPL Staff: James Farrell, Director
 Kathy Beirne

School Board
Member: Graig Galef

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
Motion to Accept the Minutes of the

January 18, 2012 Special Meeting
January 23, 2012 Regular Meeting
February 2, 2012 Special Meeting (with changes)
February 7, 2012 Special Meeting

	Aguirre	Bush	Capek	Jay	Morrison	Staudter
In Favor	X		X	X	X	
Against						
Abstain						

The Minutes of the January 9, 2012 Special Meeting were not passed due to not having a quorum.

Public Comment

Presentation regarding 200th anniversary of the Village of Ossining by Valerie Monastra, Department of Planning and Christina Papes, Assistant Village Manager. Village requests permission to place two sculptures on OPL lawn as part of the celebration which will take place in 2013.

The Board voted in favor of permitting the sculpture displays.

	Aguirre	Bush	Capek	Jay	Morrison	Staudter
In Favor	X		X	X	X	
Against						
Abstain						

The board entered Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 7:45pm and left Executive Session at 7:55pm.

Resolution 37

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees propose for public approval on May 15, 2012 a budget in the amount of \$3,651,479 for the fiscal year 2012-2013.

Trustee Capek asked a question on counting of the pilot money in the budget numbers. The Director stated that the money was not included in the budget.

	Aguirre	Bush	Capek	Jay	Morrison	Staudter
In Favor	X		X	X	X	
Against						
Abstain						

The proposed OPL Budget represents a budget to budget increase in the tax levy of 2.26%. However, this is below the NYS property tax cap due to the increased retirement expenditure that can be excluded from the tax cap making the rate of increase 2.000176%.

Promoting the budget

President Jay asked the Board to examine the Trustee schedule and to sign up to talk to the town boards.

Kathy will email the PowerPoint presentation to the Board on the OPL budget. The Director asked the Board to look at it and to try to think of ways to simplify the wording.

Trustee Aguirre asked about the format for the Meet the Candidates meeting next month. President Jay replied that it will be 30 minutes for the candidates and the rest for regular board meeting. Trustee Aguirre inquired about holding the public budget forum on that same day.

The Board took the vote on the following resolutions simultaneously:

RESOLUTION #34

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Ossining Public Library accepts the *Final* Audit Report for the Ossining Public Library as completed by Baldessari and Coster LLP for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

RESOLUTION #35

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees accepts, with thanks, the following donations:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Amy Ferrara	\$200.00
Irene Kogelmann in memory of Kevin O'Leary	30.00
TOTAL	\$230.00

The Gifts and Donations line (2705000) of the Revenue Report will be increased by \$230.00.

RESOLUTION #36

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees accepts, with thanks, the final appropriation (10%) of the 2011 LLSA in the amount of \$801.70.

The LLSA-NYS Grant line (2760000) of the Revenue Report will be increased by \$801.70.

	Aguirre	Bush	Capek	Jay	Morrison	Staudter
In Favor	X		X	X	X	
Against						
Abstain						

President Jay stated that former employee Kevin O’Leary memorial ceremony will be held this Friday at 6:30pm in the Budarz Theater.

New Business

Plan of Service for System (requires Board vote on this). *Directors are asked to put this new Free Direct Access Plan on the next possible library board meeting for approval and to inform WLS of their board’s decision by sending a copy of their board meeting minutes indicating the Free Direct Access Plan vote to Elise Burke either by electronic copy via email [eburke@wlsmail.org] or by hard copy via the routed mail.*

RESOLUTION 38

RESOLVED, that the Ossining Public Library Board of Trustees approves the Westchester Library System (WLS) *Free Direct Access Plan* as revised on 2/3/2012.

The Director advised the Board to vote against the resolution. Trustee Aguirre asked the Director about a clause in the FDAP specifying the percentage of non-resident usage at the OPL. The Director stated that he would get it. Trustee Aguirre stated that he would be abstaining from the vote in order to read the details of the plan more in detail. Resolution 38 was tabled.

Director’s Report and Personnel Report

Treasurer’s Report

- Report of Receipts and Disbursement
- Warrants

President’s Report

Old Business

- Retiree health benefits
- Cheever Centennial

The Board voted to enter Executive session at 9 pm and voted to exit Executive Session and adjourn at 9:30 pm