

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY
Special Meeting
April 7, 2014, 7:00 p.m.**

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance:

Board of Trustees: Art Jay, *President*; Lucinda Manning, *Vice President*; Alice Joselow, *Secretary*; Peter Capek, John Crawford, Debbie Goddard, Madeline Zachacz
Jaime Aguirre, *Treasurer*

OPL Staff: Molly W. Robbins, Acting Director

Call to Order

President Art Jay called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Work Session

- Budget Adjustment

RESOLUTION #42

RESOLVED, that the proposed 2014-2015 *Revised* Budget of the Board of Trustees of the Ossining Public Library in the sum of \$3,851,585 be approved, and that the Ossining Union Free School District be authorized to levy and collect the sum of \$3,739,441 as the necessary tax thereof.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #42.

<i>Vote:</i>	Capek, P.	Crawford, J.	Goddard, D.	Jay, A.	Joselow, A.	Manning, L.	Zachacz, M.
<i>Yes</i>		X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>No</i>	X						
<i>Abstain</i>							

Motion passed.

- Budget Promotion
- PILOT – Harbor Square
Board discussion. The following letter was delivered to I.D.A., White Plains, NY

April 4, 2014

Mr. James Coleman, Executive Director
Industrial Development Agency

Michaelian Office Building
148 Martine Avenue
White Plains, New York 10601

The Board of Trustees of the Ossining Public Library notes that there is a hearing scheduled by the IDA on Monday, April 7 to discuss a PILOT program on the property at 101 Westerly Road, Ossining, NY. We are dismayed that this Board has not been included in the negotiation of this proposal, nor have we ever received a proposal to consider. Excluding this Board from meaningful input has, in effect, taken away our ability to meet our fiduciary responsibility.

This Board first met with the GDC representative, Mr. Andrew Maniglia, on August 26, 2013 when he and Mr. William Hanauer, Mayor of the Village of Ossining made an informal presentation about the PILOT proposal. At that time they provided no specific numbers for the Board to consider, and the Board asked for further information before even considering the proposal. In spite of a November 12, 2013 follow-up request from Library Director, James Farrell, this Board has still to receive a proposal.

The Ossining Public Library is a separate taxing entity. It is not part of the Ossining Union Free School District, nor is it a subdivision of any other taxing entity. It is called a School District Public Library only because it has the identical service area as the local school district. This was stressed at the August 26 meeting when Mayor Hanauer and GDC assured the Library Board President that our Board would be included in negotiating the final agreement. To date his assurance has come to nothing.

We have insisted since this proposal was first floated that we be included at the table and treated with the same respect and professionalism that have been afforded to the other taxing entities affected by this proposal.

You may be assured that if a proposal were presented to the Library Board we would deal with it in a timely manner, in order to fulfill responsibilities as duly elected officials. Until then, it would be presumptuous for anyone or any agency to speak on behalf of this Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Jay, President

Cc: William Hanauer, Mayor, Village of Ossining
Susanne Donnelly, Supervisor, Town of Ossining
Bill Kress, President, Ossining School Board
Gary Cahill, *The Gazette*

Executive Session

At 7:47 p.m. a motion was made to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

Work Session Resumed

RESOLUTION #43 and #44

Both resolutions were tabled until the next Special Meeting of the Board.

Adjournment

At 9:01 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn the April 7, 2014 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Joselow
Secretary