

Ramsey Free Public Library

Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees January 9, 2023

The Annual Meeting for 2023 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Martin, with the reading of the public meeting law. Also present were Mr. Bogaenko, Mayor Dillon, Mrs. FitzPatrick, Mrs. Knauss, Mrs. McCaskey, Mrs. Ohnegian, Mrs. Rennie, and Mrs. Thorp, Trustees, Councilman Gutwetter, and Director Latham. Mrs. Palchisaca was absent.

Mr. Bogaenko, Mrs. McCaskey, Mrs. Ohnegian, and Mrs. Rennie were sworn in by Mayor Dillon. Mrs. Knauss had been sworn in at the borough's reorganization meeting.

Prior to continuation of the annual meeting, the issue of the library attorney was discussed. Many professional library organizations recommend that a library retain its own attorney, separate from the borough's attorney. Consequently, Botta Angeli, LLC, was recommended at a rate of \$175 per hour on an as-needed basis.

The minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting had been accepted as received at the February, 2022 meeting.

The Election of Officers was held, with the following results:

Mrs. McCaskey nominated Mrs. Martin as Board President, seconded by Mayor Dillon. Mrs. Martin nominated Mrs. McCaskey as Board Vice-President, seconded by Mayor Dillon. Mrs. Martin nominated Mr. Bogaenko as Board Treasurer, seconded by Mayor Dillon. Mrs. Martin nominated Mrs. FitzPatrick as Board Secretary, seconded by Mayor Dillon. There were no further nominations. Mrs. McCaskey moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Mayor Dillon. Motion carried.

On motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mayor Dillon, the secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the entire slate. Motion carried.

The board approved Mr. Latham as the library's director by resolution by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mrs. McCaskey, and passed.

The board approved Mrs. Elwell as the library's assistant director by resolution by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mrs. McCaskey, and passed.

The board approved Paul W. Garbarini of Garbarini and Company as the library's auditor by resolution by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mrs. McCaskey, and passed.

The board approved Botta Angeli, LLC, as the library board's attorney on an as-needed basis by resolution by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and passed. Mrs. McCaskey abstained.

Approval of the by-laws was tabled until they can be reviewed.

The BCCLS Certification of Agreement was approved by resolution by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mrs. McCaskey, and passed.

At 7:45 p.m., the Annual Meeting was closed on motion by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mayor Dillon, and passed.