

**Trustees of the Lambertville Free Public Library**  
**Minutes June 8, 2021**  
**Lambertville Free Public Library**  
**6 Lilly St, Lambertville, NJ 08530 6PM**  
**Meeting was held Virtually via zoom**

The meeting of the Trustees of the Lambertville Free Public Library was called to order at 7:04 PM by Matt Larkin. In addition to Mr. Larkin present were Trustees, Rose King, Stephanie Volmer, Karen Riedeburg, Albert Bauer, Paul Hamilton, Maureen Smyth and Library Director Jen Sirak. Absent was Ricardo Zapata.

In compliance with the open public meeting act, it was announced that this was the June meeting which had been published in *The Democrat* and filed with the City Clerk for posting on the bulletin board located in City Hall.

Matt Larkin was the host for the zoom meeting and explained how a zoom meeting works, including public comment.

**Presentation:** Anthony Suozzo, superintendent of SHRSB, gave an overview of the Facilities needs and plans entitled Planning for THEIR future. There will be a referendum on the November 4<sup>th</sup> ballot to renovate LPS into a Pre-K thru 4 building, build a new 5-8 school on the South campus, turn the current South facility into a High School only and to try and sell the West Amwell school/land.

**Presentation of the Minutes:** Minutes from the May 18, 2021 meetings were reviewed. On a motion by Matt Larkin and seconded by Albert Bauer, the Board approved the minutes. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members. MOTION CARRIED

**Treasury Report:** On a motion by Matt Larkin and seconded Albert Bauer, the Board unanimously approved the payment of bills list as amended. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members. MOTION CARRIED.

**Director's Report:** See attached.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding mask use. Once the state mandates for mask requirements were dropped, the library changed their policy to no longer require masks. All Lambertville City buildings still require masks and the State Library guidelines leave it up to the library whether or not to continue mask requirement. Going into summer and since so many more children, who are too young to be vaccinated, will be in the library it was suggested the mask mandate stay in place. A motion was made by Matt Larkin and seconded by Albert Bauer to amend the current mask policy of all under 12 and non-vaccinated people who enter the library to wear masks to having all who enter and work at the library wear masks. Motion Failed. Rose Larkin and Jacqueline Sornstein voted in favor of mask requirement for all, Matt Larkin, Paul Hamilton, Karen Riedeburg, Steph Volmer and Albert Bauer voted to keep mask mandate to under 12 and unvaccinated. Policy stands as is.

A staff raise of 50 cents per hour was discussed. On a motion made by Matt Larkin and seconded by Jacqueline Sornstein, the Board unanimously voted to raise each staff members pay 50 cents an hour as of July 1, 2021. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members. MOTION CARRIED. The board is extremely appreciative of the hard work, time and energy the staff of the library

has devoted to keep the library up and running during what is likely the most challenging time in the library's history.

**Trustee Committee Reports:** none

**Correspondence:** none

**Old Business:**

Space Planning Project- next steps are creating a space planning committee which will be comprised of Matt Larkin, Jacqueline Sornstein, Albert Bauer and Karen Riedeburg.

FOLL- Harriett is the last active member of the FOLL and she is moving. There is a suggestion to transfer the money from the FOLL to the library 501C3 and separately account for it. 501C3 was never officially filed with the government for the friends. Friends are listed as inactive. Need to go through the process of making them active. The Board's preference would be to get another signatory on the account but we can take the money as a donation if there are no other options. Matt to reach out to ACME and FOLL to see status.

**Next Meeting:** Per government mandates, next meeting will be in person but will have a virtual option.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Matt Larkin, seconded by Albert Bauer, to adjourn at 9:32 PM. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by Jacqueline Sornstein.