

MOUNT OLIVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

December 10, 2019

A. **Roll Call**

- President Marion Fleischner called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM and began the meeting by initiating roll. Present were Mauro Magarelli - Library Director; Joanne Onorevole – Treasurer; Beth Blakey – Secretary; Steven Bedell – Vice President, and Megan Tava – Mayor’s Alternate. Absent were Rhonda Cohen – Business Manager; Matthew Robinson – Superintendent’s Alternate, and Drew Van Dam – Member at Large.

B. **Compliance with Open Meetings Act**

- The meeting is being held in compliance with the *Open Public Meetings Act*. Notice has been sent to the newspapers (Daily Record and Mt. Olive Chronicle), the Township Clerk and is posted in the Township Library.

C. **Public Comments**

- None

D. **Agenda Review**

- None

E. **Approval of Minutes**

- **A motion to approve the November 19, 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting for the Library’s Board of Trustee with corrections** was made by B. Blakey and seconded by M. Fleischner. **Motion approved with two abstentions.**

F. **President’s Report**

- The President called for a motion to be made that coincides with the MOPL Board of Trustees By-Laws states that on page 8: E. Officers Term Limits: A Board of Trustee Member shall not be eligible to serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office. If Board members believes that it is in the library’s best interest, the Board may, by two-thirds vote of the entire membership, allow an officer to remain in office for longer than otherwise allowed herein so that the President can have a fourth term of office.
- **A motion to approve the President of remaining in office for a fourth term** was made by S. Bedell and seconded by M. Tava. **Motion approved unanimously, which constitutes a two-thirds vote of the entire membership.**
- M. Fleischner, speaking on behalf of the entire Library Board of Trustees, thanked Mr. Bedell for his ten years of service to the Board and recalled all he has done to enhance the Library during his tenure, how much of a difference his input has made on behalf of the Library, and of his deep commitment to mentoring new Board members as well as the new Library Directors. Mr. Bedell’s absence on the Board will be deeply felt by all.

G. **Action on Bills**

December 2019: (initially postponed as information not yet complete; then approved at a later date)

- **A motion to approve the November Bills List** was made B. Blakey and seconded by M. Fleischner. **Motion approved on 12-27-19.**

H. **Financial Reports**

December 2019: (initially postponed as information not yet complete; then approved at a later date)

- **A motion to approve the October 2019 Financial Report** was made by M. Fleischner and seconded by S. Bedell. **Motion approved 12-27-19.**

I. **Library Director’s Report**

**Communications:**

- simple reminder that the Library Director and the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees will attend and report to the Town Council’s budget meeting on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 12:15pm.

**Building and Grounds:**

- The Library has received funding for ADA compliant doors for the front entranceway. The funds have been provided by the Katharine E. Jensen Memorial Fund. Work on is expected to commence by the middle of January 2020
- Some staff members have complained with regard to the snow removal on the Library’s property. The Head of the Town’s DPW has reiterated that his crew does the best with the resources it has. The

