



the township email blast. Survey includes, customer, service, what programs they would like to see, hours, and collection development.

Friends Programs include: Trash To Treasurer Event, Dinner at Bertuccis

Friend Book Sale Room is underway

Village Elementary School to celebrate Read Across America

Whole Foods – Story time area – Children’s department will be going to do outreach

Digital Billboard is up on the TV and advertises what’s going on in the library.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2017—14** made by: M. Vitkansas, seconded by Ms. Berson to Support Bill S2633 seeking municipalities to approve an increase in the municipal free public library tax. Mr. Perry explained that it is a bill in which Senator Kyrillos is a sponsor. This would be a good opportunity for Middletown to support and there is no obligation of putting it on its ballot or giving an increase to its library. Ms. Rinaldi took a moment to explain how fortunate Middletown library is compared to the less fortunate and underprivileged libraries of NJ. This bill allows for those libraries to receive more funding by their municipalities and a good way for Middletown to support NJLA and Senator Kyrillos. Mr. Perry feels it is a good piece of legislation to support. A Roll Call Vote followed with the following:

In the Affirmative: Perry, Vitkansas, Smith, Fox, Berson, Lucchese

In the Negative: Siwiec

Abstentions: Bucco & VanNest

**Resolution 2017-15** made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Siwiec to replace retiree Denise Sanford with Susan Gioia as a Part-time Library Assistant in the Children’s department for 17.5 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$15.37 per hour effective February 13, 2017, pending the successful completion of NJ Civil Service requirements. Motion carried by roll call vote unanimously.

**Resolution 2017-16** made by Mr. Vitkansas, seconded by Mr. Bucco and carried unanimously by roll call vote to hire Dana Palmer as a Part-time Library Assistant in the Circulation department at an hourly rate of \$15.37 per hour effective March 6, 2017, pending the successful completion of NJ Civil Service requirements.

At 7:17pm, Mr. Perry executed the Closed Session Resolution, to discuss any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment and the conditions of employment, evaluation or disciplinary of any specific employee, unless the individual employee requests in writing that the matter be discussed at a public meeting, first by Bucco, seconded. Perry and carried unanimously. Closed Session to last no more than 20 minutes. The Board was informed that Ms. Guzman was properly Rice and that there was no request to discuss publically.

At 7:34pm, Mr. Siwiec motioned to enter back onto to Regular Session for decision on personnel matter discussed in Closes Session, seconded by Mr. Bucco and carried unanimously. At this time, Mr. Perry motioned to deny Ms. Guzman’s request for Step 3 Hearing in the Grievance Process, seconded by Mr. Bucco and carried a unanimous roll call vote: In Favor: Perry, Vitkansas, Siwiec, Bucco, Smith, VanNest, Fox, Berson, Lucchese. In the Negative: None.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Mr. Perry- Was happy to see the Township designated a Veterans parking spot at the library and other Township properties.

Mr. Siwec – Asked if a Discussion be placed on the next agenda to discussion the need to have an attorney at every meeting. Mr. Siwec feels that the Library does not need representation at every Board meeting. Mr. Perry said that in his past Library Board participations in Burlington there always had been an attorney present at all meetings. Mr. Perry noted Mr. Siwec’s request for discussion. Item will be added to the March agenda.

Mr. Vitkansas – No comment

Mr. Smith – No comment

Mr. Bucco – No comment

Mr. Fox – No comment

Ms. Berson – thanked Ms. Rinaldi for preparing the satisfaction survey so quickly and to Mr. VanNest for including it on Middletown Matters

Mr. Lucchese – No comment

At 7:38pm, Mr. Bucco motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Perry and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tara Berson  
Board Secretary  
March 15, 2017