

Board of Trustees Minutes – AUGUST 1, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of Elizabeth, NJ, was to be held in person and remotely via Zoom on AUGUST 1, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

A quorum was established by roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Lorraine Tidd, Ted Freedman, Martin Weingast, Eloy Delgado, Earnestine Smith attended on Zoom.

Absent: Pearl Serratelli, Kenyetta Jackson did not show.

Also present were Mary Faith Chmiel, Library Director; Assistant Director, Robert Barbanell; and Helen Speros, Office Manager, taking minutes.

Eloy Delgado calls the meeting to order at 4:07 PM on 08/01/2023.

Announcement of Compliance with the Sunshine Law: MaryFaith answers yes more or less, we had short notice but placed add in the Star Ledger.

The purpose of this meeting is limited agenda regarding three bids.

Eloy requests a moment of silence for LT. Governor Sheila Oliver who suddenly passed away after going to the hospital. On behalf of the Trustees let us take a moment of silence. Eloy expresses everyone's deepest condolences for the family and friends of Sheila Oliver who had a tremendous career and the 2nd highest office.

NEW BUSINESS: MaryFaith sent the tabulations out to the Trustees for the three bids.

BID 1 Bid for Main Building Envelope: Building Envelope at Main fixes water penetration issues- they have been through legal review. Bids came in lower than budgeted.

- Punjab Restoration LLC Washington NJ \$182,000
- Pax Mundus Enterprise LLC Monmouth Junction NJ \$240,000.
- Safeway Contracting Union NJ \$277,000

Eloy Delgado motions to accept the lowest bid as presented. Lorraine Tidd seconds the motion.

Roll Call: AYES: Lorraine Tidd, Ted Freedman, Martin Weingast, Eloy Delgado

NAYS: Earnestine Smith did not like the wording.

Absent: Pearl Serratelli, Kenyetta Jackson, Michael Ojeda, Lisa Torres.

The motion to accept Punjab Restoration passes by 4 to 1.

BID 2 Bid for Elmora Roof Replacement: Metal Roof

- Frank Cyrwus Pompton Lakes, NJ \$361,711
- Mak Group, LLC Clifton, NJ \$415,516
- NE Roof Maintenance Perth Amboy, NJ \$486,000
- Kupex Exteriors Trenton, NJ \$464,168

Lorraine wants to know how many years the roof is guaranteed for. MaryFaith said we still have a roofing consultant who is the architect who will oversee all 3 projects.

Motion to accept lowest bid by Cyrus for bid 2 by Eloy Delgado and seconded by Martin Weingast.

Roll Call: AYES: Lorraine Tidd, Ted Freedman, Martin Weingast, Eloy Delgado, Earnestine Smith.

Absent: Pearl Serratelli, Kenyetta Jackson, Michael Ojeda, Lisa Torres.

BID 3 Bid for Elmora Parking Lot Restoration-Paving Curb Driveway Handicap

- Protective Paving, LLC Milltown NJ \$138,000; the only bid.

Motion to accept bid by Lorraine Tidd and seconded by Martin Weingast.

Roll Call: AYES: Lorraine Tidd, Ted Freedman, Martin Weingast, Eloy Delgado, Earnestine Smith.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Lorraine Tidd and seconded by Earnestine Smith.

Adjournment by Acclamation: all AYES.

Submitted by Helen Speros