

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE SMITHTOWN LIBRARY
August 6, 2025

A Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Smithtown Library was held at the Nesconset building, Nesconset, New York, on the 6th day of August, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The following Library Trustees were present: Brianna Baker-Stines, Mildred Bernstein, Christopher Sarvis and Theresa Stabile. Trustees Barbara Deal, Annette Galarza and Howard Knispel were absent with prior notice.

Also present were Library Director Robert Lusak, Library Counsel Kevin Seaman, Assistant Library Director Eileen Caulfield, Assistant Library Director Patricia Thomson, Clerk Lauren Gunderson and Treasurer Kevin Miller. Secretary Linda Taurassi was absent with prior notice.

Library Board Vice President Mildred Bernstein acted as Chairperson of the meeting.

1. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SMITHTOWN SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT REQUESTING THAT THE TOWN OF SMITHTOWN PROVIDE FINANCING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MAIN LIBRARY BUILDING LOCATED AT 1 NORTH COUNTRY ROAD, SMITHTOWN, NEW YORK

Library Board Vice President Mildred Bernstein moved to waive the reading of the RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SMITHTOWN SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT REQUESTING THAT THE TOWN OF SMITHTOWN PROVIDE FINANCING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MAIN LIBRARY BUILDING LOCATED AT 1 NORTH COUNTRY ROAD, SMITHTOWN, NEW YORK. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brianna Baker-Stines and adopted 4-0 by the following roll call vote:

FOR—Baker-Stines, Bernstein, Sarvis, Stabile; AGAINST—none

2. Library Board Vice President Mildred Bernstein moved to approve the adoption of the following resolution:

Recitals

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 193 of the Laws of 2001 of the State of New York, the Town of Smithtown, New York has the power, upon written request of the Board of Trustees of the Smithtown Special Library District (the "Library District"), to authorize, sell and issue such bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness in order to permit the Library District to provide facilities or improve facilities for library purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution adopted by on May 6, 2025, said Board of Trustees has determined that it is necessary and desirable to construct improvements to the Main Library Building located at 1 North Country Road, Smithtown, New York, which improvements are necessary due to catastrophic flooding resulting from a significant storm event in August 2024 (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Library District has duly called and held a Special Election on July 1, 2025 at which the residents of the Library District present and voting approved a Proposition authorizing the Board of Trustees to (a) construct improvements to the Main Library Building at the estimated maximum cost of \$16,500,000, and (b) to finance the cost of the Project through the issuance of bonds and/or notes by the Town of Smithtown on behalf of the Library District; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SMITHOWN SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT, LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF SMITHTOWN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to Chapter 193 of the Laws of 2001 of the State of New York, the Board of Trustees of the Library District hereby determines that it is in the best interest of the Library District to request that the Town of Smithtown authorize, sell and issue bonds or notes pursuant to the New York Local Finance Law to finance the Project, as described in the Recitals hereto, and the Board of Trustees hereby makes such request.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes and directs the Library Director to send a written request for such debt issuance to the Supervisor of the Town of Smithtown and to take any and all other actions required in connection with the intent of this resolution.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees hereby approves the granting of an access easement to the Town, in the form approved by counsel to the Library District and the Town, for the purpose of establishing the Town's financeable interest in the Main Library Building, to enable the Town to issue debt to finance the Project.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brianna Baker-Stines and adopted 4-0 by the following roll call vote:

FOR—Baker-Stines, Bernstein, Sarvis, Stabile; AGAINST—none

3. Library Board Vice President Mildred Bernstein noted that the next “regular” meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled to be held Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Kings Park building.
4. There being no further business, Library Board Vice President Mildred Bernstein moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brianna Baker-Stines and adopted by a unanimous 4-0 vote.

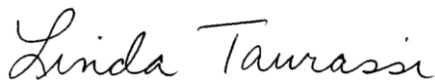
Minutes approved this 20th day of August, 2025.



Annette Galarza, Vice President
Smithtown Library Board of Trustees



Lauren Gunderson
Secretary Pro-Tempore



Linda Taurassi
Secretary to the Board of Trustees