

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE ABINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Date: July 28, 2025

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Joe Milano.

PRESENT: Joe Milano, Emily Cooper, Daniel Kaye, Elaine Cassidy Shanahan, Maurie Markman, Lauren Greaves and Liz Fitzgerald were in attendance along with Terry Biansco, Diane Moskal and Jeremy Rosenbaum.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of June 23, 2025, was made by Joe Milano, seconded by Maurie Markman. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION: Liz presented a revised 2025 budget. Slight increases were allocated to salaries and Maintenance of Plant to cover projected costs of building upkeep. A motion was made by Maurie Markman, seconded by Joe Milano, to approve the revised 2025 budget. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The June 2025 Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Highlights include:

- Good month in terms of revenue. \$13K donation from Friends of ATPL in addition to other grants and gifts.
- Special Income reflects the \$25K gift from Kim Pimley in Nancy Wright's honor.

The June 2025 Treasurer's report was reviewed and will be filed for audit.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Liz initiated discussion of the proposed 2026 budget, due to the Township in late-August. The budget will include a request for increased funding for part-time staff hourly wages. The board decided to defer vote to Thursday, July 31, after which it can vet three potential options.
- ALA was a wonderful event! Lots of fun vendor interactions, conference sessions and tech-tool demonstrations.
- Hilary Hunter's last day is August 1. Interviews currently taking place for her replacement to manage IT.
- The board proposed to move the May 2025 meeting date from May 25 (Memorial Day) to May 18. This change will be reflected in the library calendar.
- Coffee, Tea and Talk, Children's Storytime, and Library Pop-ups in the Park have seen great turnouts recently.
- Young Adult programming continues to be popular. Tie-dyes and Ice Cream was very fun.
- Thank you to Morgan Selkirk of Ben Sanchez's office for meeting with Q-Club!
- Roslyn offering 56 programs this summer! Exploring New Tastes allows people to experiment with flavors and find recipes that incorporate that flavor.
- Facilities replaced Roslyn HVAC system. Thank you to Contractor Joe Turco for installing that for us.
- The Abington building had a sewer blockage on July 28 resulting in an early closure.

ADULT LITERACY REPORT:

- We are grateful to Elizabeth Sperling for her many years of service addressing Adult Literacy in our community!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Friends – Terry Biansco: Friends had very successful Pop-up Sale and are preparing for the fall.
- B. Policy and Personnel – Daniel Kaye: Board candidates have been interviewed. Decisions will be made shortly.
- C. Development/Long-Range Planning -- Maurie Markman: No updates.
- D. Facilities – Joe Milano: Joe will meet with Chris Christman next week.
- E. Finance and Investment– Emily Cooper: Ralph McDevitt will attend Sept meeting to provide financial updates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Distributed to all Board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Diane expressed hope that the Township will move closer to providing ATPL employees with minimum wages and share responsibility for building repairs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Joe Milano, seconded by Maurie Markman, to adjourn. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Our next Board meeting is September 22, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Cassidy Shanahan
Board Secretary