

**Orange Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday April 27, 2023**

**Meeting was called to order at 6:41pm**

**Roll Call:**

**President- Janet Mateo - PRESENT  
Vice President- Jonathan Beckford- Present  
Trustee- David McKnight- Present  
Secretary- Theresa Mason- Present  
Mayors Alternate- Louis Copeland-  
Karen Harris- Present  
Attorney- Dan Smith- Present  
April Cruz- Present**

**Notice for tonight meeting was in the papers**

**Open public meeting; posted in the records, front door, front desk, etc.**

**Public present- Charles Barner- 440 Central Ave, Orange NJ 07050**

**Board- Thank you for being here for the citizen of Orange**

**Starting May 4-July 20, 2023**

**Literacy Semposer- He's an author**

**Charles A Barner- I believe in the library and with the board help**

**Janet- I would like to have a copy of your literacy semposer**

**Derrick Henry- 253 Osborne Street, Orange NJ 07050, member of the Board of Education,  
Orange Library is one of his cause.**

**Trustee Concern:**

**Board Ban- City will take over**

**Louis- B money comes from President Biden**

**Karen- I thought when we voted it was yes**

**Louis- We only voted to accept**

**Louis- Was it properly notice for the meeting tonight**

**Stephanie- Yes in the papers, front door of the library, Facebook no**

**David- How was you notice?**

**Henry- I'm a regular and it was brought to my attention**

**Barner- I saw it last week posted on the front door, reschedule for today**

**Karen- I would like an event posted at the library, the right to read at Orange Academy  
Saturday April 29, 20223**

**P \_\_\_\_\_ Community Organizer**

**Movie- right to read produce by Lamar Braton back by the NAACP**

**David- I had a meeting with the Mayor a couple of weeks ago about safe concern.**

**Mayor suggest we have a safety committee, need to get back to the City about providing an  
officer or security.**

**We need to set up a safety committee and sit with the Mayor and BA. The Mayor spoke  
with Lt. Stefanelli and to see how it would be funded during all hours of operation.**

**Johnathan- Do you have a time?**

**David- We need to have a meeting first do to recent incidents**

**Karen- Committee Report Building & Grounds**

**Janet- \_\_\_\_\_ you say building and grounds and maintenance**

**David- when you say handle what do you mean**

**Louis- We are require to create and it has to be in the by laws**

**David- they are to report to us or can we directly inter act**

**Louis-You will receive a monthly report from building and grounds, which will be given to the chair person**

**Dan- Start a name create a high Arkie(?) committee and they will be over seeing**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Karen- This is the first time I seen minutes like this**

**Theresa- I thought Stephanie was doing the minutes**

**Dan- Summarize what was conducted, I think that was the objection**

**Derrick Henry (Citizen) someone who request and opal request can be a liability, these minutes tonight**

**Janet – Motion to strike close session**

**Dan- Summarize to do close session over**

**Retrieve and re \_\_\_\_\_ after re \_\_\_\_\_**

**Motion to table any further decision, close needs to be redacted, what occur in executive Session**

**Motion to table close March 9, 2023 motion to redact minutes and to reconstruction and summarize minutes for next meeting was made Janet and seconded by Karen**

**Committee Report**

**David- Personnel /building and grounds**

**Nobody was RICE notice for this meeting**

**I reached out to the insurance company service group**

**Karen- I thought I ask for people to be RICE**

**Treasurer Report**

**Louis- \$44,000, \$57,583.53**

**Budget hasn't been posted, still operating on last year budget.**

**Meeting with/ Administration 4/28/23**

**State passed increase until then new budget is adopted**

**Rood \$234,000 has been allocated**

**crane will be dom**

**e when taking roof off**

**92,000-96,000 until June**

**Increase due to change in prices**

**\$66,000 finance the rest**

**David- Do we have a date to start work?**

**Stephanie- Maintenance issue**

**Louis- City Hall called another place, looking at it the next 2 weeks, take crane and take off air condition**

**Johnathan- turnaround time**

**Louis- no more than 2 weeks, air condition May, air shot from dome, life span on cooper replacing entire dome.**

**Karen- is that apart of historical architect**

**Louis- cut any time to use something beyond life expand**

**½ million dollars for Trenton dome under former Governor Christie**

**Karen- the site is a historical site who we seek permission of making it state of art moving forward**

**Louis- State of NJ architect but it will still be \_\_\_\_\_**

**David- Can we get pictures from the dome?**

**Janet- \_\_\_\_\_ that signed**

**Louis- board draft a letter to city council**

**Henry- apology for speaking without being recognized**

**Louis- Library is operating n \$44,000 a month**

**David- Can we get a copy of art drawing that they gave to City by Dennis Powell?**

**Louis- we have a copy up stairs**

### **Approval of Bills**

**David- water bill**

**Louis- do we owe other libraries for money?**

**Motion to approve bills by Karen second by Louis;**

**All in favor**

### **Director report**

**Motion to accept report**

**All in favor**

**Old Business – close session**

**New Business- close session**

**Janet- outreach for library H& I June 3, 2023 for members of the community providing a workshop**

**Karen- When mention one of those being Saturday to City and Community, providing a workshop, school district**

**Health insurance- 12 months for un docket kids**

**Louis- solution; provide flyers in different wards**

**Motion to go into close session by Karen second by David,**

**All in favor**

**Motion to close, close session @ 8:30pm**  
**All in favor**

**What about to vote on not to be discuss beyond the wall these wall on file with state**  
**Meeting with union notify tomorrow meeting in 2 weeks**  
**State response 45 days**  
**Meeting with union about status of library**

**Motion to approve letter going to state civil service commissioner**

**Dan – rice notice, copy of check that bounce**  
**David- copy of insurance, list of monthly bills**

**Motion to approve letter going to civil service commissioner by Louis; second by Karen**

**Meeting adj@ 8:40pm**