NEW ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday, May 4, 2017

Chuck Burke, President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The following members of the Board and Administration were present or excused.

BOARD MEMBERS
Charles Burke, Jr, President
Gregory T. Varian, Vice President
Dierdra Gray Clark, Secretary
Haina Just-Michael (excused)
Quentin S. Jacobs
Damon Maher (excused)
Yadira Ramos-Herbert

ADMINISTRATION
Thomas Geoffino
Jean Manning
Mary Kane Passacreta

WLS REPRESENTATIVE
LaRuth Gray (excused)

FY 2017/18 PROPOSED LIBRARY BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Board President Chuck Burke provided an overview regarding the proposed FY 2017/18 Library budget. Chuck reported that the budget called for a 6.52% tax levy increase ($332,028.46 in actual dollars) or an annual increase of $20.53 per household for the “average” taxpayer. This increase can be explained by a new collective bargaining agreement calling for salary increases and health care cost enhancements. Other factors to be considered is the proposed creation of a full time bilingual paraprofessional position in the Children’s Room and an hourly programming assistant for the Teen Room as well as additional funds devoted to the purchase of library materials and library technological resources, as well as enhancements to physical plant cleaning and maintenance. Chuck declared this proposed budget was a reasonable and fiscally appropriate document and would prove of great benefit to the community.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

No members of the public requested to speak.

Chuck Burke closed the meeting by urging all New Rochelle residents to vote on May 16th.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dierdra Clark
Secretary