

**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 16<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dierdra Clark  
Secretary