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**Transcription/Minutes
Special Meeting of the Board
Held on Zoom - 1:00 pm
Riverhead Free Library
January, 27, 2022**

Present: Janet O'Hare, President; Jeff Zeiger, Vice-President; David Friedrich, Treasurer; Ruth Nelson, Secretary; Marilyn Banks-Winter, Trustee; Susan Berdinka, Trustee.

Absent: Monique Genchi, Trustee; Annette Totten, Trustee; Amy Wood, Trustee.

Director: Kerrie McMullen-Smith

Assistant Director: Stephanie McEvoy

The special board meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order via Zoom on January 27, 2022 at 1:02 pm. The Board was provided with an agenda.

Janet O. Okay let's call the meeting to order. David, do you want to do the pledge?

David F. Yes, I'll stand up too.

All "I pledge allegiance...."

Janet O. Thank you. Ok has everybody gotten an agenda?

David F. Yes.

Janet O. It's only one item so.

David F. I approve the agenda and make a motion we approve the agenda.

Marilyn B. I second.

Janet O. All those in favor?

All Aye.

**1.27.22 Motion Carried.
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Janet O. So, third is the approval of our annual finance budget. The finance committee met with Kerrie and Stephanie, and I attended also a couple of days ago and we looked over the budget. Kerrie's done a wonderful job. You know we've always had a good solid, somewhat bare bones budget, but trying to take into account things that would happen during the year. So if there is any questions to Kerrie at this time, you can ask.

Ruth N.. Just one question, I notice with the personnel, the actual expenditures on Medicare and health insurance was lower. Is there a reason for that?

Kerrie M. Let me double check. Lower this year than last year?

Ruth N.. Yes, in 2021. Unless it seemed to be very low.

Kerrie M. OK yes, because we always kept a cushion there and we were advised by Al Coster that we didn't need as much of a cushion as we had had there so, we figured we should put the money somewhere else where we need it. And that's why.

Ruth N. So what was the proposal for this current budget? Was it the same as it had been though or was it lower? I don't have it in front of me.

Kerrie M. Yes, so we're, for this coming budget we're at for medicare... social security and medicare we're at \$165,000 which is, actually, well no it's up 1.73% from 21-22 but it's down from 20-21. So we were at \$165,903 in 2020-21 then we went down to \$162,200 for 21-22 and now we're at \$165 even for 22-23.

David F. Right.

Ruth N. OK.

Kerrie M. I just want to point out to you that there is a formula that we plug all our numbers into on a NY State website for our maximum levy amount and, in doing so, we calculated that the maximum we could levy was \$4,017,911 but we are levying \$4,015,911 so we are not levying the maximum amount. It's better to have a little cushion there so we don't inadvertently pierce the cap. So we're good.

Janet O. Are there any other questions? OK. David, would you like to read the resolution?

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David F. Resolution #22-369. Approval of the Operating Budget for 2022-2023. Whereas the board of trustees having examined the Riverhead Free Library's Proposed Operating Budget for 2022-2023 totaling \$4,189,266 hereby approves the Operating Budget of \$4,189,266 and request a total tax levy of \$4,015,766, the amount to be raised by taxation for the 2022-2023 Operating Budget of the Riverhead Free Library to be placed on the ballot and voted on by the qualified voters of the Riverhead Central School District on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at the Riverhead Free Library, 330 Court Street, Riverhead, New York. Now, therefore, be it resolved as follows, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the Proposed Operating Budget for the 2022-2023 totaling \$4,189,266. Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be made available in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations. May I have a motion?

Ruth N. I move that we accept this budget.

Susan B. Second.

Janet O. All in favor?

All Aye.

Janet O Resolution passed. Great.

1.27.22 Motion Carried.
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Janet O. OK, now do we have any public expression? Anyone on Zoom that would like to speak? (Pause). OK, without further ado, I make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

David F. I'll second the motion.

Janet O. OK. Fantastic. Thank you everybody.

Marilyn B. Be safe.

Janet O. See you in February.

Meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm.