A. Roll Call
- President Beth Blakey called the meeting to order at 6:30PM and began the meeting by initiating roll. Present were Beth Blakey – President; Mauro Magarelli - Library Director; Vranda Kamath – Vice President; Marion Fleischner – Secretary; Meghan Tava - Mayor’s Alternate, and Drew VanDam – Member-at-Large. Absent were Jocelyn Schaechter – Bookkeeper; Kevin R Stansberry - Superintendent’s Alternate; Alicia Sharma – Treasurer, and John Ferrante – Town Council Liaison.

B. Compliance with Open Meetings Act
- The meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice has been sent to the newspaper Daily Record, the Township Clerk and is posted in the Township Library.

C. Agenda Review/Changes by the Board - None.

D. Agenda Review
- Public request for items to be on the agenda: none.
- Board request for items to be added to agenda: none.

E. Approval of Minutes
- A motion to approve the September 19, 2023 Regular Monthly Minutes was made by D. VanDam and seconded by B. Blakey. Motion approved unanimously.

F. President’s Report
- The President is still working on the narrative for the results of the Strategic Planning Survey results, which she anticipates will be completed by the November monthly meeting.

G. Action on Bills
October 2023:
- A motion to approve the October Bills List was made by M. Fleischner and seconded by D. VanDam. Motion approved unanimously.

H. Financial Reports
October 2023:
- A motion to approve the October 2023 Financial Report was made by D. VanDam and seconded by B. Blakey. Motion approved unanimously.

I. Library Director’s Report
Communications:
- 2023 Funding – on 10/2/23 The Library received notification of its 2024 1/3 of a Mil Funding, which will be an 11% increase in funding from last year/
- 10/2 State Aid Funding – For 2024 the Mount Olive Library will receive an increase from last year’s amount.
- Administrative Budget Hearing – on 11/27 the Library is scheduled for a 2pm meeting with the Mayor’s office. The Library will not request any additional money from the township.

Building and Grounds:
- Fire Panel –
  - On 9/27 – Sprinkler Back Flow Inspection, which passed inspection; however, it was recommended that 30ft of 3inch fire sprinkler pipe be replaced, as it has corroded. The Board gave approval to replace this corroded pipe by the end of this year.

Major Repairs for September
- Repainted the periodicals flaking portico walls near Periodical entrance, the Children’s Blackboard, and assembled staff desk.
- Repaired and painted cracked walls in the Gathering Room and adjacent kitchen.
- Cleaned out Chromolax heater, which then began to restart, insulated gaps between the metal doors, and repainted damaged wall above the TV in main entrance.
- Outside Repairs – sidewalks in various locations, which will continue, and Gazebo furniture repainted.
- Outside Sidewalk Repairs continues.

FRIENDS:
- The two plaques are in progress. ETA dependent upon whether an engraved logo is included.
Personnel:
- Library Assistant - Circulation position – the 15-hour week position has been filled by one of the Library’s “floaters” who is already familiar with the circulation department.
- Adult Services Librarian/Programming – a new full-time position will be created and posted by November.

MISC:
- On Hiatus since Covid, the MOHIC has resumed meeting with the goal of better addressing the health needs of the community.
  - The Library is in the forefront of many of the issues being discussed by this committee, including senior isolation, mental health issues for both teens and adults.
- Circulation Stats remained strong again though September.
- One Board Member has completed four hours of Professional Development on behalf of the Trustees. Another two hours still needs to be completed.

J. Committee Reports
1. Personnel/Staffing – see Director’s Report
2. Finance and Budget – The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. A discussion of the upcoming budget for 2024 took place, in addition to some proposed ideas. Since the chairperson is not present at this October meeting, these fortuitous concepts will be discussed by the chair at the November 2023 monthly meeting.
3. Policies – none
4. Building/Grounds – see Director’s Report
5. Technology – none
6. Negotiations – none
7. Strategic Planning – See President’s Report
8. Professional Development – none

K. FRIENDS: see Director’s Report, and the Friends is having a book donation on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

L. New Business: holiday get-together for staff was briefly mentioned. Inviting Mayor Greenbaum to the upcoming November meeting will be completed by the Mayor’s Alternative.

M. Unfinished Business/Action Items: none

N. Public Comments: none

O. Board Comments: none

P. Adjournment
- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by M. Fleischner and seconded by B. Blakey. Motion approved unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Beth Blakey, President

Marion J. Fleischner, Secretary