Meeting details

- The special meeting was conducted in person at the library.
- The sole purpose of the meeting was to review plans for the YES project (renovation of the 3rd floor).
- Attendees: Rishi Agarwal, Debbie Brett, Mayor Peter Cantu, Allan Johnson, Karen Kennedy, Vince Vecchia, Katy White, Peter Wong
- Also in attendance was Director Darren Miguez and Assistant Director Nick Olimpaito, as well as Ed Klimek from KSS (the architecture firm responsible for project design and engineering).
- The meeting was announced in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting was publicized on the library’s bulletin board, web sites for the Library and the Township, and in the Home News Tribune and Trenton Times. Notices were posted more than 48 hours in advance.
- Call to order: 7:00 pm; Adjourn: 8:02

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- Ed reviewed the current status of work on the YES project and presented slides showing the proposed layout:
  - Design work has been completed.
  - Work on construction documents is 90% complete. This includes architectural drawings as well as mechanical, structural, and electrical engineering.
  - Ed met with the construction manager to update scheduling and pricing. He believes we will be able to go out to bid at the beginning of 2023.

- The planned renovations would
  - Improve programming spaces and make them more flexible.
  - Create more inviting and more participatory spaces.
  - Remove the “pit” and replace it with level floor space.
  - Install a glass wall that can be open or closed.
  - Use linoleum flooring, which is more durable than carpeting.
  - Install an awning on the outdoor space that would protect patrons from heat and sun.
  - Improve security by making staff seating space more visible.
  - Create more suitable seating spaces for older children and the public.
o Upgrade finishes.
  o Install sound-absorbing light fixtures and acoustic tiles near the elevator.
  o Repair and make operable existing window treatments.

• We hope to create a roof top garden.
• As to scheduling, the 3rd floor will not be usable once demolition begins.
  o The entire library will be shut down for about a week.
  o Construction won’t start until shop drawings are complete, procurement of materials and furniture is done, and movable items (books and equipment) are stored. Machinery will be stored in the basement.
  o Procurement will take 12 weeks.
  o Actual construction time is estimated at three months.
  o In the interim, a space for children’s books and 3rd floor staff will be created elsewhere in the building.

• Funding has been secured from the state, and through grants from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Princeton University. Additional funds will be provided from surplus Library Funds and from our Library Foundation.
• The meeting was opened for public comment at 7:58; no members of the public were present. The public comment session was closed at 8:00 PM
• The special meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Submitted by Deborah Brett, Secretary