1. Roll Call

Trustees Present
Ms. Wendy Armacost
Ms. Kat Fanning
Ms. Brenda Fargo
Ms. Monica Rodriguez
Ms. Krista Vellis
Mr. Palmer Yale

Absent
Ms. Kristie Damell
Mr. Anthony Nicodemo
Mr. Jimmy Rizzo

Staff Present
Ms. Gretchen Corsillo

Others Present
Mr. James McCarthy

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Ms. Armacost

2. Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act

Ms. Vellis read the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

3. Review of Mask Policy

Ms. Corsillo reported:

− Currently the library is still requiring masks for patrons and staff. This has been ok so far, although each week getting more complaints. People are getting more comfortable with not having them required.
− She proposed to make masks strongly suggested but not mandatory. Other libraries – Wood Ridge and Lyndhurst for example, aren’t requiring masks at all. Other libraries are thinking along same lines.
− They would still be required in children’s programs, since kids can’t be vaccinated yet.
− Mr. McCarthy mentioned that the Board has authority to make policy either way.
− Discussion ensued regarding the policy and how it effects other patrons who may be immunocompromised or can’t be vaccinated.
− Last sentence in the proposed policy is confusing. Flip the 2nd and 3rd sentence and reserve the right to require them at other in-person programs based on attendance.
− Staff should be able to state that the decision was made by the Board.
− Mr. McCarthy stated that If there is noncompliance, don’t engage. Just take their name down and someone will be in touch with that patron.
− Add verbiage about requiring masks at particular events. “We reserve the right to require masks...”
Borough Hall has lifted the mask mandate for employees regardless of distance, if vaccinated. Members entering from the public are suggested to wear masks.

Effective June 15, 2021, in accordance with current guidelines from the CDC and State of New Jersey, Rutherford Public Library (RPL) will no longer require patrons and employees to wear face masks while visiting the library, although they are strongly suggested. Masks will be required at all in-person children’s events for everyone in attendance over the age of 2, and RPL reserves the right to require face masks at in-person events based on attendance. Unvaccinated individuals should continue wearing masks and social distancing from others.

Motion: To change the mask mandate at the Library to the discussed verbiage above.
Moved: Yale Seconded: Vellis
For: Armacost, Fanning, Fargo, Yale
Against: Rodriguez
Abstain: Vellis

4. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.
Moved: Vellis Seconded: Fargo
For: Armacost, Fanning, Fargo, Rodriguez, Vellis, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cori Verdino