

WARREN TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 21-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-36 ENTITLED “LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN, 1972

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Section 2-36 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren, 1972 entitled “Library Advisory Board”, as heretofore supplemented and amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 2-36. LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD.

§ 2-36.1. Purpose.

The purpose of this section is to create a library advisory board.

§ 2-36.2. Establishment; Members; Terms.

There is hereby established a board to be known as the library advisory board ~~and to~~ consisting of nine members as follows: ~~seven members to be appointed by the Township Committee, seven of whom must be residents of Warren Township to be appointed by the Township Committee, and~~ at least one of which must be a member of the Friends of the Warren Library or other library support group ~~a library support group~~, each to serve a three ~~five~~ -year terms; the then mayor of the Township of Warren and the Superintendent of the Warren Township Schools of Warren Township District shall serve one-year terms. The mayor and the superintendent of schools may appoint alternates to act in their stead. A vacancy on the board occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled by the Township Committee for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.

§ 2-36.3. Organization.

At its first meeting each year the library advisory board shall select a president, vice president ~~treasurer~~ and secretary each to serve a term of one year or until their successors are elected. The board shall meet at such times as it shall determine necessary to properly perform its duties. The secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings and submit copies of the minutes of each meeting to the Township clerk.

§ 2-36.4. Duties of the Board.

The powers and duties vested in the library board shall include but not be limited to, the following:

- a. To examine the management of ~~manage~~ the building containing the library and appurtenant property and library assets of the library that are owned by the Township and utilized by the library commission and to make recommendations regarding the management of said building, property and assets on behalf of to the Township Committee. For purposes of this Section, “library assets” shall mean “all books, audio and video materials, furniture, fixtures, equipment and other personal property used in the library, other than such items belonging to the County of Somerset.
- b. To make recommendations to the Township Committee regarding the disposal of library assets that are owned by the Township and utilized by the library commission as necessary with the advice and consent of the Township Committee.
- c. ~~To receive, hold and manage any devise, bequest or donation of personal property made or given for the establishment, increase or maintenance of the library.~~ To make recommendations regarding the expenditure of any bequests or donations made to the library. Any such bequests or donations shall be held and managed by the Township Chief Financial Officer and may be expended by the Township in accordance with applicable law and Township procedure.
- d. To ~~make rules and regulations~~ recommendations to the library commission for the operation of the library, the development of library programming and the rendering of the library services to the Township.
- e. To serve as a liaison between the Somerset County Library System and the Warren Township Committee.
- f. To make recommendations to the Township Committee, the County ~~Library~~ and the Somerset County Library Commission as to the adequacy of ~~the Warren L~~ library services and facilities.
- g. To ascertain the opinion and desires of Township residents with respect to library services, programs and facilities; and to provide recommendations regarding said services, programs and facilities to the library commission.
- h. To do all things necessary and proper for the ~~operation of a library~~ functioning of a library advisory board.

§ 2-36.5. Appropriation of Funds, Authorization of Expenditures and Use of Property.

- a. The Township Committee may appropriate funds to be expended in the furtherance of the duties of the library advisory board.
- b. ~~All books, audio and video materials, furniture, fixtures, equipment and other personal property used in the library, other than County of Somerset~~ Library

assets; shall be used ~~solely~~ for the promotion of literacy and other customary and proper library purposes for as long as the library is in existence.

- c. The Township Committee shall, by resolution, establish procedures relative to the accounting of funds derived from the sale of library assets ~~utilized by the library~~.

Section 2. Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren, 1972, inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

By: _____
Cathy Reese, RMC, Township
Clerk

By: _____
George Lazo, Mayor

INTRODUCED: March 18, 2021

ADOPTED: April 15, 2021

EFFECTIVE: April 22, 2021