

Tri-Township Public Library
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes
May 1, 2012

The meeting was opened at 7:07 p.m. by President Ashcraft.

Roll Call: Perrine, Scheller and Ashcraft. Absent: Elson, Huck, Lindsay and Little.

Input: Board - under New Business Budgeting for Boards.

Public: Jonathan Walling under 106 West Oak Street

Present from the public were Vicky Hart, Allen Lewis (reporter for the Times-Tribune), Jonathan Walling, Mr. and Mrs. Walling, Jonathan's mentor and his Boy Scout leader and Norma Sidener.

Approval of Minutes: The reading of the minutes was tabled until Elson arrives, as she is expected shortly.

Treasurer's Report: Everything is good. We are on budget. We may possibly have to pay one month of Social Security out of the General Fund but for now all is good.

Director's Report: Director participated at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Auction and was glad to represent the Library out in the business community.

The Director will close the Library on Thursday morning, May 3rd, 2012 so all staff can go to Joyce Ackermann's husband's funeral. He passed away unexpectedly on a golfing trip from a heart attack. Joyce is the president of Friends of the Library and is in charge of the library's book sales. Library will reopen at noon. Director sent flowers from Board and staff, and they should arrive tomorrow for the wake. The library will also be closed on Friday, May 11th for Staff Development Day.

Elson arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Items for discussion or vote are on the agenda

Statistics were not available from the system so Director will have May and June's at next meeting.

Staff had a get together for David Cassens, who is leaving to work for the SIUE Library.

President then reopened reading of minutes but Elson was not here last month so she cannot vote on them. They will be tabled until next meeting.

Maintenance: Parking lot resurfacing will be done after the LED sign project is completed.

The work is coming along on the sign. The Director thinks it will probably be August before we are ready to do the resurfacing.

Windows- just left on agenda for later consideration.

Communications: We received the levy and maximum rates from the Madison County Clerks' Office. Director has reviewed them and our rate is five hundred seven thousand ninety five dollars and eight cents. This is in line with our budget but we may have to tweak a few items in our new budget, as Director believes we will do fine and would like for us to keep our taxes at the same amount and not have any tax raises across the board.

Director reminded everyone to file their Statement of Economic Interests (if they haven't).

Old Business: Power Supplier-Director reported that Liberty Company said they could not be our electric supplier so she was able to get Glacial Energy of Illinois for a rate of .05484. This rate is locked in for twenty four months.

A motion was made by Scheller and seconded by Elson to accept Glacial Energy of Illinois as our power supplier at a rate of .05484 for twenty four months.

Ayes: Elson, Perrine, Scheller and Ashcraft.

Absent: Huck, Lindsay and Little.

106 West Oak Street: Jonathan Walling a Boy Scout from Troop 226 at the Methodist Church had a presentation for the Board as his Eagle Scout project. He would like to stage a garden, pathway, and amphitheatre on the property at 106 West Oak Street. He would also put a fence around. Director said the Board had already talked about fencing and they would take care of it. Director also suggested a covering for the amphitheatre area. The Board was very interested in his proposal and decided to go ahead with plans after he has gotten proper permits. They also discussed a water fountain for drinking and asked Jonathan to include that in his plans but Board would pay for the fountain. The Board suggested Jonathan check with city on what permits would be needed, after which he could present his formal presentation to the Board next month.

LED Sign the Director reported that it is moving forward.

Volunteer Banquet follow-up: The committee reported that all went well and the drawings were a big success. Thank you to Scheller and Little for a job well done.

OMA: monthly reminder.

New Business: Mr. Bud Webb donated some Japanese woven art work to the Library. Director thought they would brighten up the Board room, so she will have them hung here.

Kathy Scheller reported on the meeting she had gone to on the collection policies of the American Library Association. She was impressed with the suggestion that during National Library Week an ad be placed in the home town papers presenting to the public know what the local library has for them. She said the meeting was very informative.

The Friends of the Library donated money to cover the costs of all the special programming for the Summer Reading Program.

Budget Committee: The Director will prepare a tentative budget to present to the budget committee which consists of the Treasurer Scheller, Director Hart and Trustee Perrine.

SHARE: The new LLSAP for Illinois Heartland Library System, an automation system. We are going to a new Polaris system and Director needs a motion for us to join. We budget thirteen thousand dollars a year to belong and will join the new system with board approval.

A motion was made by Elson and seconded by Scheller to join the new SHARE replacing Gatenet.
Ayes: Elson, Perrine, Scheller and Ashcraft. Absent: Huck, Lindsay and Little.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Elson and Seconded by Scheller to go into closed session for matters regarding employment, compensation, discipline or dismissal of a specific employee.
Ayes: Elson, Perrine, Scheller and Ashcraft. Absent: Huck, Lindsay and Little.

Open session closed at 8:04 p.m.

Open session reopened at 8:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Elson and seconded by Scheller to allow Director to advertise for a full time library position for thirty seven and one half hours, starting pay at ten twenty five and going to ten fifty an hour after six months probation.
Ayes: Elson, Perrine, Scheller and Ashcraft. Absent: Huck, Lindsay and Little.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.