

TRI-TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
MAY 4, 1999  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

Madison relinquishes secretarial duties to Little

Abell inserted into the record a statement written by Richard Clark the former President of the Board of Trustees of the Tri-Township Public Library District.

*The statement related that it was brought to the attention of Mr. Clark that Pat Huck then treasurer had misreported (a) 1998-99 for Mortgage payment of \$ 40,000 when in fact the payment was \$42,650 a difference of \$2,650; (b) there are two additional mortgage payments not reflected in the budget and were also not considered in the 1997-98 budget. The second mortgage payment was \$10,408; \$10,100 to the reserve account for Title Mortgage payment. (c) Considering sub paragraphs A & B about the 1998-99 there was a deficit of \$9,158. The 1997-98 budget had a similar deficit. There was an increase of fees of the accountant which was not brought forth or reflected by the treasurer Pat Huck. Also the Rural Development Home Payment was sent to the home of the treasurer Pat Huck. The budget and funding procedures for 1997-98, 1998-99. The treasurer has knowledge of all expenditures and obligations but appears not to work with the director and the budget committee to ensure that all expenses are known and included in the budget. The Library is dependant on the Director and the Board working together to provide the best service to the tax-payers. The forgoing statement was provided to the board for information, let it be known that in my observations there is a lack of communication between the treasurer, the board, and the Director on financial matters that is causing us problems. Perhaps by this memo we will be able to work together to fix future budgets.*

Abell then stated that he felt the accusations were serious and that there were two incidents in which he felt Pat Huck had not acted in the manner a treasurer should, and that we should not vote for Pat Huck because of the allegations set forth by Mr. Clark, and that if we voted for her knowing that this had happened, we could possibly leave ourselves open to some kind of problems later on. Abell goes on to state that he is not accusing Pat Huck personally, and that he is stating for the record that these kind of discrepancies are very serious. Abell stated "to re-elect Pat Huck to this position, on the basis of these findings which are documented would be a disservice to the community". Abell goes on to state that "he wants to make sure that this information is out there and let it be known that they exist before we make any action on the nomination".

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Huck responds with an explanation that we did the budget according to the auditor and how Mr. Eastman ,our lawyer, told us to do. There was a discussion between Huck and Abell.

Abell stated that Huck withheld information. Huck stated that the building fund money comes in and has to go out in the same amount in the expense column and that's where we took part of the money hoping that it would build up so that most of it would be paying the mortgage. Huck stated that on the last budget she hardly had the opportunity to input anything to which Abell responded that Huck's statement saying "you know that was baloney Pat". Huck replied that it was not baloney.

Motion was made by Little seconded by Huck to nominate Pat Huck for treasurer.

Motion Passed Ayes: Hampsten, Huck, Little-three (3) Nays: Abell Harley-two (2)  
Absent two (2)

Motion was made that we accept the Budget Calendar. Motion Passed All Ayes; Abell, Hampsten, Harley, Huck, Little-five (5) Absent two (2)

Hampsten introduced discussion on Walker Brothers Circus. Abell said we need to make sure that space is available and to make sure that there is nothing else happening on that date. August 10<sup>th</sup> is tentative date. City will provide the site and Abell will go to park board meeting to make sure everything is o.k.

Huck inquired whether the insurance company has been contacted about possible damage to the roof in a recent hailstorm. It was decided that someone should call the insurance company.

Discussion was held about a special meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> or 26th.

Little made a statement about everyone getting along, and respecting each other.

Hampsten thanked Kathy Murray and Judy Madison for their service.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted



Judy Little  
Secretary