

MINUTES
VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
11 MARCH 2012

Richard Ramsey, President called the special meeting of the Library Board of Trustees to order at 8:45am on Sunday, March 11, 2012.

Attending:

Trustees: Richard Ramsey, President; Robert Parmenter, Vice-President/Treasurer; Rebecca Pahl, Bryan Richmond, Rita Stein, and Gail Sacco, Clerk

FY10-11 BUDGET: Gail Sacco presented some preliminary budget figures. These figures were calculated according to the New York State Tax Cap Guidelines. They include increases in retirement and health care and 2% increases for library staff. In addition, money was put into materials and programming. The Trustees agreed with the priorities.

The Trustees expressed concern about exceeding the 2% tax cap. While it is the Trustees' intent to pass a budget which remains within the tax cap, they believe it is necessary to pass the resolution below. The figures in the budget are estimates because property assessments are not established until August. The law is also not clear about the impact of a new library building on a tax cap. Since New York State has penalties if a municipality exceeds the tax cap without a resolution, the Trustees resolved the following:

Whereas, the adoption of the 2012 budget for the Voorheesville Public Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Voorheesville Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2012

by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on 11 March 2012.

NEW BUILDING: Fraser Associates has submitted a contract to conduct a Phase I environmental assessment, do borings to ensure that the site will support the weight of the building, percolate the soil for the leach field and recommend the appropriate concrete for the base and parking lot of a building. It will be less expensive to do this work now, while they are doing the Phase I assessment than to bring them in a second time.

M (RP) S (RS) P: TO HIRE FRASER AND ASSOCIATES AT A COST OF \$6,290 TO DO THE SITE WORK AS DEFINED IN THEIR CONTRACT.

M (RS) S (RCP) P: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM. The next meeting will be scheduled for March 19, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Alter Sacco, Clerk