

MINUTES
VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
19 MARCH 2012

Richard Ramsey, President, called the regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees to order at 7:05 PM on Monday, March 19, 2012.

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

Absent: Robert Kent

Others Attending: Luke Berte and Julie Stump

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on February 13, 2012 were presented to the Board.

M (BR) S (RS) P: TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2012.

The minutes of the special meeting held on March 11, 2012 were presented to the Board.

The Trustees amended language regarding the tax override motion so that the records would give a clearer understanding of the reasons they decided to include the resolution. The new language is as follows:

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:

M (BR) S (RS) P: TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2012 AS AMENDED.

FINANCIAL:

WARRANTS: M (SS) S (BR) P: APPROVE FOR PAYMENT WARRANT 8A (February 14-29, 2012) OF \$13,930.82 FROM OPERATING FUNDS SAID WARRANT IS FILED WITH THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

M (SS) S (BR) P: APPROVE FOR PAYMENT WARRANT 9 (March 1-19) OF \$16,259.02 FROM OPERATING FUNDS. SAID WARRANT IS FILED WITH THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The FEBRUARY 2012 Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board.

M (BR) S (RP) P: TO ACCEPT THE FEBRUARY 2012 TREASURER'S REPORT OF \$35,172.09 IN THE CHECKING ACCOUNT, \$18672.60 IN THE BUILDING FUND, 550,388.27 IN THE MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT AND \$24,064.82 IN THE DONATION ACCOUNT FOR TOTAL FUNDS OF \$628,297.78.

Budget FY 2012-2013: M (BR) S (S): TO ADOPT A BUDGET OF \$1,100,119 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2012 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2013. OF THIS AMOUNT, \$1,070,119 IS FOR OPERATIONS AND \$30,000 FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE BUILDING PROJECT.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: The FOL annual meeting is on March 26 at 7:30. As of now, there are no candidates for President or Vice-President.

Personnel:

Gail Sacco distributed a draft copy of a revised Personnel Manual. The trustees will review it for discussion at the April meeting.

Public Library Association Meeting: Gail Sacco gave a summary of the meeting. The programs ranged from managing library personnel to new services to online trustee orientation.

M (RP) S (RCP) P: TO ACCEPT THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building Project: The trustees decided to continue their relationship with Hodgson Russ while working on the new building. Joseph Scott and John State have given sound advice and been very helpful.

Gail Sacco reviewed a meeting on advocacy which was presented by lawyers Bob Scholfield and Ellen Bach. It was helpful in clarifying the role of the trustees, the FOL, and other volunteers who will disseminate information about a library building and vote.

Now that the last payment on the hill behind the library is done, Gail Sacco is working with the school district to determine who holds the title and if there is a need for a May proposition. By consensus, the trustees directed her to work with Dick Ramsey, the President, if there are questions.

Dick Ramsey, Bob Parmenter, Georgia Gray, Judy Strauss and Gail Sacco went to visit Senator Breslin and Representative McEneny on 2/29. Both were quite willing to give us support, but were not certain about available money.

The trustees asked Gail Sacco to send them the letter which was left with the legislators as a starting point for discussion of a community wide letter.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM. The next meeting will on Monday, APRIL 16, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Alter Sacco, Clerk