

MINUTES
VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
24 FEBRUARY 2014

Attending: Clifford Erickson, David Gibson, Robert Parmenter, Bryan Richmond, Janna Shillinglaw, and Gail Sacco, Clerk .

Absent: Rob Kent,

Others Attending: Rebecca Lubin

The February 10, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on January 21, 2014 were presented to the board.
M (JS) S(BR) P: TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2014.

WARRANTS:

M (BR) S (JS) P: APPROVE FOR PAYMENT WARRANT 7A (JANUARY 21-31, 2014) OF \$7,689.03 FROM OPERATING FUNDS. SAID WARRANT IS FILED WITH THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

WARRANTS:

M (BR) S (JS) P: APPROVE FOR PAYMENT WARRANT 8 (FEBRUARY 1-10) OF \$0.00 FROM OPERATING FUNDS. SAID WARRANT IS FILED WITH THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

M (BR) S(JS) P: TO ACCEPT THE JANUARY 31, 2014 TREASURERS REPORT OF \$41,506.85 IN THE CHECKING ACCOUNT, \$46,999.63 IN THE BUILDING ACCOUNT, \$826,507.64 IN THE MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT AND \$19,129.82 IN THE DONATIONS ACCOUNT.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Gail Sacco reported that she is still looking into the NYLA credit card and the costs associated with it, as well as how much fine money we lose because we don't accept credit or debit cards.

It has been recommended to us (by other libraries that had roof repair done) that the library hire a manager to run the bid process and over see the roof repair. The board would like two estimates from managers, one of which they would like from an architect.

Rebecca Lubin reported the Friends of the Library are coming along nicely. Sherry Burgoon is working hard to rebuild the group. Membership letters will be going out next week. The FOL is looking at using their list serve to find volunteers for programs . They are also looking to expand the booksale by coordinating with other local businesses.

Gail Sacco reported that Jim Corsaro is growing a relationship with the historical organization.

Gail Sacco showed the board a resolution to override the tax cap. There was much discussion and the resolution was tabled until later in the meeting.

Gail Sacco shared the budget information she has been working on. The board reviewed the activities report that she had prepared as an overview of the past year at the library. Gail Sacco went through the financial information she had prepared, including current assessments and the estimated budget numbers for 2014. Gail feels it will be a transitional year, with many changes. The board discussed the budget at length. There were several questions that Gail will research and answer at the March 9 budget meeting.

The resignation of Stella Suib has brought the number of Trustees to six with one vacancy. In addition, Robert Parmenter's term will end on June 30, 2014. After discussion the Trustees decided not to fill these two seats. They resolved the following:

(M)(BR) S(DG) P: TO DECREASE THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY TWO SEATS, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014 FOR A TOTAL OF 5 TRUSTEES.

The Trustees expressed concern about exceeding the 2% tax cap. However, the figures in the budget are estimates because property assessments are not established until August and unexpected circumstances outside of the Board of Trustees' control may affect the taxes. Consequently, the Trustees resolved the following:

M (JS) S (DG) P: Whereas, the adoption of the 2014-15 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 2014-15 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on 24 February, 2014.

(M) (BR) S(DG) P: TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT OF A PARTICULAR PERSON.

The Board went into executive session at 8:15 PM.

M (BR) S (DG) P: TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:30 PM.

M (CE) S (RP) P: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17 at 7 PM at the Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Alter Sacco, Clerk