

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
OF THE BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on December 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Barrington Area Library pursuant to notices sent to the Board and the press on December 8, 2017.

Present and acting as trustees were:

Donald F. Minner, President
Carolyn Welch Clifford, Vice President
Carrie F. Carr, Treasurer
Barbara Pintozzi, Secretary
Denise Tenyer
William J. Pizzi

Absent were:

Denise Peters

Also in attendance were:

Melinda Lomas, Village Resident
David Mahoney, Village Resident
Terri Mullins, Village Resident
Bob Rettberg, Village Resident
Megan Smith, Village Resident
Kelly Walsh, Village Resident
Vicki Rakowski, Executive Director, pro tem
Lisa Stordahl, Staff

President Minner called the meeting to order and welcomed all who were present. He asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Ms. Lomas introduced herself and informed them that she was present to let the Board know that she was still in favor of the Lake Zurich Road Realignment Project proposed by the Village of Barrington. She asked if there had been any progress in negotiations since the last Board meeting. President Minner explained that the Village has scheduled a working meeting for December 13, 2017. Attending the meeting will be President Minner, Vice President Clifford, Library Attorney-Ken Friker, Karen Darch, Jeff Lawler, Village Attorney- Jim Bateman, and IDOT. President Minner said that the Village has seen the list of the library's concerns. He and Ms. Clifford will give an update of the meeting at the January Board Meeting.

Mr. Bob Rettberg, a thirty-seven year patron of the library and Village resident, addressed the Board next. Mr. Rettberg informed the Board that he is 100% against the library selling part of its property to the Village for the purpose of the Lake Zurich Road Realignment Project. He stated that the Village plan would bring a lot of traffic through the library property and will create a danger for all patrons who are entering and exiting the library. He is especially concerned about young children and their caregivers. He mentioned that while driving into the library parking lot tonight, there were seven cars waiting to exit the lot. This number would increase exponentially with the Village's plan. He reminded the Board that they are guardians of the property and that selling the parking lot would be closing the doors to any future expansion. Mr. Rettberg understands that the Village is applying a lot of pressure to complete this project, not because it is a good project, but because there is a lot of money on the table. He noted that the Jewel and Kendall Companies gifted the land to the library in 1972, and that they would not want it to be sold to the Village. Mr. Rettberg concluded by reiterating that he is adamantly opposed to the library selling the land to the Village and pleaded with the Board to act as guardians of the property and to think about the children and young families before making their decision. He thanked the Board for allowing him to state his opinion. President Minner thanked the guests for attending the meeting and said that they hope to make a decision within the next three to four months. Ms. Clifford noted that the Board is fully cognizant that this would be a big sacrifice, and that any decision they make will not be made lightly.

President Minner asked if there were questions on the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2017. There were none. Ms. Carr moved to approve the minutes of the November 13 meeting as presented. President Minner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Minner, Clifford, Carr, Pintozzi, Pizzi, Tenyer
Nays: 0
Absent: Peters
Motion: CARRIED.

President Minner asked if there were questions on the minutes of the Committee of the Whole of November 13, 2017. There were none. Ms. Tenyer moved to approve the minutes of the November 13 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented. Ms. Pintozzi seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Ayes: Minner, Clifford, Carr, Pintozzi, Pizzi, Tenyer
Nays: 0
Absent: Peters
Motion: CARRIED.

Ms. Carr presented the Treasurer's report. Beginning balance was \$8,169,910.95 with receipts of \$67,768.07 and expenditures of \$407,304.31, leaving an ending balance of \$7,830,374.71. Five months into the fiscal year, revenues are 45.96% of anticipated and

30.13% of the budget. Ms. Tenyer moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and bills for payment as presented. President Minner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Minner, Clifford, Carr, Pintozzi, Pizzi, Tenyer

Nays: 0

Absent: Peters

Motion: CARRIED.

Ms. Carr directed the Board's attention to page six of the Financial Statement and noted that the library's investment with Sawyer-Falduto is showing a loss at this time. Ms. Rakowski mentioned that she has invited a representative from Sawyer-Falduto to give a presentation to the Board at the upcoming scheduled February Board Meeting.

In the Director's report, Ms. Rakowski reported that she has completed the work on the Per Capita Grant and noted that it is ready for submittal pending the Board's approval, which the Board granted.

Ms. Rakowski thanked the Board of Trustees for their continued support of the Staff In-Service day, which was held this past week on December 7. The day was focused on team building activities and was a great success. Ms. Rakowski also noted that we said a bittersweet goodbye on December 8 to one of our employees, Sharon Krasel, after a forty-one year career with the library.

Ms. Rakowski shared the library's Annual Report, created by our Public Information Manager, Ms. Karen McBride, which highlighted snapshots of important data points and social media interactions from 2017. The Board was very impressed with the information and the manner in which it was presented. Ms. Rakowski noted that the report would be shared on the library's website and social media outlets beginning the following week.

In old business, Ms. Rakowski presented the information she had gathered to answer Ms. Tenyer's question, put forth at the November meeting, regarding the amount of money the library has spent on professional opinions related to the Village's Lake Zurich Road Realignment Proposal. Ms. Rakowski noted that the library has spent in the ballpark of \$29,000 to date with services from Conservation Design, Engberg Anderson, and attorney's fees. In addition, to address Ms. Clifford's suggestion from the November Board Meeting, Ms. Rakowski presented the Board with expansion plans from the failed 2007 referendum, so that they would have access to them going forward.

In new business, Ms. Rakowski informed the Board that the Policy Committee will need to meet to update the Sexual Harassment Policy, and that she will be in touch with the committee members to find a date and time that will work best for them.

In communications, Ms. Rakowski shared a letter of thanks from the Cuba Township Food Pantry thanking the library for its continued support through its partnership with

Barrington Bank and Trust and our Summer Reading Program. In addition, a note from Ms. Brigitte Hurst, of Grove Avenue School, was shared thanking library staff members Mike Campagna, Aly Prchal, and Ann McWilliams-Piraino, for helping her students with a project in the maker lab. Ms. Rakowski noted that it was a great example of intergovernmental cooperation that benefited a class of twenty-five students.

President Minner and the Board of Trustees thanked Ms. Rakowski for the work she has been doing as Interim Executive Director. The Board noted their appreciation for her dedication and stated that she has been doing a great job.

There being no further business, Ms. Carr moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pizzi seconded the motion.

Ayes: Minner, Clifford, Carr, Pintozzi, Pizzi, Tenyer

Nays: 0

Absent: Peters

Motion: CARRIED.

Adjournment was at 7:55 p.m.


Secretary