

Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library District

Location of meeting: Hampshire Township Park District Community Room, 390 South Ave., Hampshire, IL 60140

Minutes of April 26, 2021, Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees, 7: 00 PM

President Barbara Brust called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were trustees Barbara Brust, Linda Wallace, Pat Dumoulin, Linda Drendel, Matthew Mariani, Karen Williams, and Judy Pokorny. Also present were Library Director Nancy Ashbrook and two guests—Angel Flores and Curt Nielson.

Changes/Corrections to the Agenda: None

Questions/Comments – Public or Media: Flores questioned whether board had received communication or not.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion Dumoulin, second Wallace to approve the minutes of the March 22,2021, Regular Meeting. Dumoulin – Y, Wallace – Y, Brust – Y, Mariani – Y, Williams – Y, Pokorny – Y, Drendel – Y. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

A. Motion Mariani, second Pokorny to approve the April 2021 bills in the amount of \$28,792.34, Mariani – Y, Pokorny – Y, Brust – Y, Drendel – Y, Williams – Y, Dumoulin – Y, Wallace – Y.

B. Reviewed and discussed financial reports from March 31, 2021.

Director’s Report:

A. President Brust commented on these points found in printed Director’s report:

1. The webinar “BLOSSOM” and questioned if there is a way for board members to join in.
2. New staff members Karen Vial (circulation) and Marissa Lambert (graphic designer).
3. The Employment Engagement Survey; Brust is interested in contacting the HR consultant, Laura Huspen.
4. The Summer Reading program that will begin with a movie in the park, co-sponsored by the Park District.

B. Director Ashbrook commented on these points:

1. Programming for Middle School will shift back to Youth Services but actual service to them is not changing.
2. The patron’s use of the Self Check and Capira Mobile App is very high.
3. Prairie Cat is admitting new member libraries, Marengo-Union and potentially North Chicago Public Library.
4. Ella’s Friends will have their red geranium sale May 1, 2021.

President’s Report: None

Unfinished Business:

A. FY 2021-2022 Proposed Operating Budget: Trustees are to review for final approval at May 24, 2021, board meeting.

B. Personnel Committee Status: Pat Dumoulin and Linda Drendel met with Director Ashbrook on April 19, 2021. The two trustees considered the report given on employee wages. A second meeting will be scheduled to consider benefits.

New Business: None

Executive Session:

Motion Wallace, second Dumoulin to enter into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. in order to discuss 5ILCs 120/2(c)(5) – Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body and to discuss 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) -- Performance of a specific employee. Wallace – Y, Dumoulin –Y, Brust –Y, Pokorny – Y, Williams – Y, Mariani a—Y, and Drendel – Y. Motion passed. Board returned to regular meeting at 10:19 p.m.

Action in Response to Executive Session: None

Discussion:

President Brust reminded the trustees: FY 2021-2022 Operating Budget will be approved and the newly elected trustees will be administered the oath of office at the May 24, 2021, Regular Meeting (Via Zoom). Reorganization of the Board will take place at the June 28, 2021, Regular Meeting.

Adjournment: President Brust adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Drendel, Board Secretary