

Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library
109 S. State Street, Hampshire, IL 60140
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
July 24, 2023

Call to Order: President Linda Wallace called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Trustees Kim Alberth, Pat Dumoulin, Suzanne Lattanzio, Judy Pokorny, Linda Wallace, and Karen Williams.

Absent: None

Staff Members: Executive Director Stephen Bero, Youth Services Manager/Assistant Director Heather Swanson, Adult/Tech Department Therese Schiltz, and Recording Secretary Kimberly Luhman.

Public: Barbara Brust, Amber Kornowski, Richard Lewis, Morgan Kolecke, Rosemary Kesse, and Valerie Reh

Pledge of Allegiance: President Wallace led those gathered in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes/Corrections to the Agenda: None

Questions/Comments-Public/Media: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Trustee Williams and second by Trustee Lattanzio to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on June 26, 2023. The minutes were approved by voice-vote consensus.

Treasurer's Report:

- A.** Approval of Bills for July 2023, and Payrolls for June 2023. Motion by Trustee Lattanzio and second by Trustee Pokorny to approve July bills in the amount of \$41,268.67 and the June 2023 payrolls in the amount of \$26,542.54.

Ayes: Trustees Alberth, Dumoulin, Lattanzio, Pokorny, Wallace, and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

- B.** Financial Report-Trustees reviewed the monthly Financial Report prepared by J. Scott Chilton, CPA.

Director's Report:

- A.** Department Reports
- B.** Circulation/Programming/Database Statistics

- C. PrairieCat Notes
 - a. Delegates Assembly Brief
 - b. Administrative Council Brief
- D. Friends Minutes-June 11, 2023

Executive Director Stephen Bero reminded the board that the audit for the fiscal year 2022-2023 will take place in September. We are increasing programs and they are well received. Summer reading is coming to an end. The Pingree Grove book drop needs replacing and possibly we can place another book drop in the Hampshire area. Reminder that IPLAR will be due soon.

Friends of the library reported they currently have someone who is interested in the President position but is taking some time to think it over first before accepting.

President's Report: Trustee Wallace shared a wonderful story of a Wheeling youth who crafted a food pantry with the help of her dad. The pantry is located at the Indian Trails Public Library.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Executive Session to consider the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (5)

Motion by Trustee Dumoulin and second by Trustee Pokorny to enter executive session at 7:12 pm to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (5)-Consideration of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.

Ayes: Trustees, Alberth, Dumoulin, Lattanzio, Pokorny, Wallace, and Willams
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Board returned to its regular meeting at 7:55 pm.

Action as a Result of Executive Session: Trustees approved the donation of property from the Village of Pingree Grove.

Motion by Trustee Alberth and second by Trustee Dumoulin to accept the donation of property from the Village of Pingree Grove.

Ayes: Trustees, Alberth, Dumoulin, Lattanzio, Pokorny, Wallace, and Willams
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

New Business:

- A. Semi-annual review of Executive Session minutes.

Motion by Trustee Lattanzio and seconded by Trustee Williams to release the executive minutes from January 10, January 23rd, and May 22 of 2023.

Ayes: Trustees, Alberth, Dumoulin, Lattanzio, Pokorny, Wallace, and Willams
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

B. Ordinance 2023-07-01 Tentative Budget and Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Motion by Trustee Lattanzio and seconded by Trustee Alberth to adopt Ordinance 2023-07-01

Ayes: Trustees, Alberth, Dumoulin, Lattanzio, Pokorny, Wallace, and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

C. Executive Session to consider the selection of a person to fill a vacancy on the board (5ILCS 120 (c) (3))

Motion by Trustee Lattanzio and second by Trustee Pokorny to enter executive session at 7:59 pm to consider the selection of a person to fill a vacancy on the board 5 ILCS 120(c) (3)

Ayes: Trustees Alberth, Dumoulin, Lattanzio, Pokorny, Wallace and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Board returned to its regular meeting at 8:22 pm.

D. Action as a result of Executive Session: Motion by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Lattanzio to appoint Morgan Kolecke to fill the unexpired 2-year vacancy on the Board of Trustees.

Ayes: Trustees Alberth, Dumoulin, Lattanzio, Pokorny, Wallace and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Discussion: None

Adjournment: Trustee Dumoulin motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, seconded by Trustee Alberth. President Wallace adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm. Closing of the meeting was approved by voice-vote consensus.

The next Regular Board Meeting is at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 28, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Luhman, Recording Secretary

Karen Williams, Board Secretary