

Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library District

109 S. State Street, Hampshire, IL 60140

Minutes of March 22, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, 7:00 PM / Via Zoom

President Barbara Brust called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were trustees Barbara Brust, Linda Wallace, Pat Dumoulin, Linda Drendel, Matthew Mariani, Karen Williams, Judy Pokorny. Also present were Library Director Nancy Ashbrook and Library Circulation Manager Kim Alberth.

Changes/Corrections to the Agenda: None

Questions/Comments – Public or Media: None

Approval of Minutes:

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

Treasurer’s Report:

A. Motion Mariani, second Williams to approve the March 2021 bills of \$20,891.59. Mariani – Y, Williams – Y, Brust – Y, Dumoulin – Y, Wallace – Y, Drendel – Y, Pokorny – Y. Motion passed.

B. Reviewed and discussed financial reports from February 28, 2021.

Director’s Report:

A. Director posted Circulation Clerk position and will post Graphic Design and Adult Services positions next week.

B. President Brust noted that the fraudulent unemployment claims have been rectified; that our Dr. Seuss books have been removed from the shelves due to misuse; and she commended Youth, Adult, and Circulation Services.

C. Director will send to the trustees the link to TAKE ACTION NOW! in order to support the Build America’s Libraries Act.

D. Director directed our attention to the PrairieCat Brief and the Ella’s Friends report. The Friends have been asked to donate the cost of the spring movie event.

President’s Report:

A. President Brust commented on the recent video blog through RAILS that featured Director Ashbrook; Brust and other trustees found it very informative and well done.

B. Brust directed our attention to information found in a recent edition of the Municipal Minute that involves the Open Meetings Act.

Unfinished Business:

Board reviewed the compilation of patron visits since the changing of library hours in October 2020 in a report done by Circulation Manager Kim Alberth. Motion Brust, second Dumoulin to keep the present library hours as is with another review in June 2021. Brust – Y, Dumoulin – Y, Williams – Y, Wallace – Y, Mariani – Y, Pokorny – Y, Drendel – Y. Motion passed.

New Business:

Board received first draft of the Operating Budget FY 2021-2022. Individual trustees should contact Director Ashbrook with any questions before the April 26, 2021 board meeting.

Executive Session:

Motion Dumoulin, second Mariani to enter into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. in order to discuss 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5) – purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. Dumoulin – Y, Mariani – Y, Wallace – Y, Brust – Y, Drendel – Y, Williams – Y, Pokorny – Y. Motion passed. Board returned to Regular Meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Action in Respect to Executive Session: None

Discussion:

- A. President Brust updated the board on the Village of Hampshire “Streetscape” project.
- B. The Burlington/Hampshire Food Pantry sent a thank-you for the \$750.00 donation earned through the winter reading program.
- C. The April 26, 2021, Regular Board Meeting will be conducted via Zoom with further evaluation at the June 2021 board meeting.
- D. President Brust and Treasurer Dumoulin will come into the library Tuesday March 23, 2021, in order to sign checks.

Adjournment: President Brust adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Drendel, Board Secretary