

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

A Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of the Barrington Public Library District was held on September 14, 2009, 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 September 11, 2009.

Present and acting as trustees:

Richard J. Ryan, President  
Donald F. Minner, Vice President  
Henry G. Wisniewski, Treasurer  
Lawrence Jay Weiner  
Barbara Pintozzi

Absent were:

Carolyn Welch Clifford, Secretary  
Denise Rouse

Also in attendance:

Detlev Pansch, Executive Director  
Faye Sinnott, President of the Friends  
Betty O'Grady; staff

President Ryan called the Public Hearing to order. He appointed Ms. Pintozzi to serve as Secretary Pro Tem in the absence of Ms. Clifford.

Mr. Ryan called for questions and/or comments on the Combined Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. He responded to a question from Ms. Sinnott, the only member of the public in attendance. Mr. Weiner moved, and Mr. Wisniewski seconded, to close the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Weiner, Pintozzi  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Clifford, Rouse  
Motion CARRIED.

The Regular Meeting was called to order. Mr. Ryan asked for comments and/or corrections on the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2009. There were none. Mr. Minner moved, and Mr. Weiner seconded, to approve those minutes.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Weiner, Pintozzi

Nays: 0

Absent: Clifford, Rouse

Motion CARRIED.

The Executive Session minutes of August 10 were reviewed. Mr. Ryan moved, and Mr. Minner seconded, to approve those minutes and release them for public viewing as well.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Weiner, Pintozzi

Nays: 0

Absent: Clifford, Rouse

Motion CARRIED.

Mr. Ryan stated that he and Mr. Pansch had attended a meeting at Barrington Venture concerning the spine road. Copies of correspondence were received from Don Matthews of Gewalt Hamilton, who also attended the meeting.

Ordinance 2009-5, the Combined Budget and Appropriations Ordinance, was reviewed. Mr. Wisniewski moved, and Ms. Pintozzi seconded, to adopt Ordinance 2009-5.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Weiner, Pintozzi

Nays: 0

Absent: Clifford, Rouse

Motion CARRIED.

Ordinance 2009-6 authorizing levy of an additional tax for the maintenance, repairs and alteration of the library building and equipment was reviewed. Mr. Wisniewski moved, and Mr. Minner seconded, to approve that ordinance.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Weiner, Pintozzi

Nays: 0

Absent: Clifford, Rouse

Motion CARRIED.

Mr. Ryan said that the Levy Ordinance would be the overall levy based on the Combined Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. The board agreed to hold a Budget, Finance and Levy Committee meeting on October 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Ryan moved, and Mr. Weiner seconded, to hold a Public Hearing on the Levy Ordinance on November 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Weiner, Pintozzi

Nays: 0

Absent: Clifford, Rouse

Motion CARRIED.

Mr. Ryan stated that trustee Denise Rouse had resigned. Her college schedule does not allow her to remain as trustee. She is working toward getting a degree to become a physician's assistant.

A notice will be placed in the paper, the board will interview candidates, and someone will be appointed for the unexpired term until the next trustee election in 2011.

Mr. Ryan stated that the Executive Director's raise discussed in Executive Session on August 10 needed to be formally approved by the board. Mr. Ryan moved, and Mr. Weiner seconded, to approve a salary increase of \$5,000.00 effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Weiner, Pintozzi

Nays: 0

Absent: Clifford, Rouse

Motion CARRIED.

A staff recognition event will be held on September 15. Sue Zelsdorf will celebrate 35 years at the Barrington Area Library, and Beth Anderson and Jane Nelson will celebrate their tenth anniversaries. Mr. Ryan agreed to attend to present the certificates and gifts.

Mr. Wisniewski presented the Treasurer's report. Beginning balance was \$4,936,605.74, receipts were \$188,060.77 and expenditures \$399,812.57, leaving an ending balance of \$4,724,853.94. This ending balance is \$388,294.33 higher than that of one year ago. Mr. Ryan moved, and Mr. Weiner seconded, to accept the Treasurer's report and approve the payment of bills as submitted by the Executive Director.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Weiner, Pintozzi

Nays: 0

Absent: Clifford, Rouse

Motion CARRIED.

Ms. Pintozzi presented the Arts Advisory Committee report. The exhibit schedule was set through October of 2010. Displays will be seen for a shorter time period—about a month. Everything is in good shape.

Mr. Pansch presented the Executive Director's report. He attended the Friends' meeting last week and learned that they will fund the Smart Room. They will support it up to \$70,000.00. The room will be available for interactive technology and training. It will be in the Zimmerman Room.

Mr. Ryan thanked the Friends for their generosity. He requested that a bronze plaque be placed on the wall denoting this Friends' donation.

As part of the Per Capita Grant requirements, the Administrative Ready Reference was reviewed; an unattended children's policy will be developed. Library laws pertaining to policies were reviewed.

The SirsiDynix server upgrade was budgeted. As a result of the review it became apparent that the library's servers are reaching their end in November 2009. They were purchased through SirsiDynix and maintained so we could not move forward with the migration until we upgraded the servers. Mr. Weiner moved, and Mr. Wisniewski seconded, to approve the upgrade of the server through SirsiDynix at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.00.

Ayes, Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Weiner, Pintozzi

Nays: 0

Absent: Clifford, Rouse

Motion CARRIED.

Mr. Pansch and the board reviewed landscaping repairs. Two items were needed. The gravel path has been coming up, creating a gully. Damgaard Landscaping Management sent a proposal at \$1,845.00 for channeling the water.

The second item was noticed by the Barrington Garden Club. The walls in the garden terrace outside the Meeting Room are deteriorating, and the stones need to be reset. The original installer would rebuild it at a cost of \$6,800.00. The garden would need to be taken apart to reset the stones. Mr. Minner moved, and Mr. Weiner seconded, to authorize expenditures of \$10,000.00 for repair of the path and resetting of the garden wall.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Weiner, Pintozzi

Nays: 0

Absent: Clifford, Rouse

Motion CARRIED.

The architect sent several versions of a maintenance shed to house the equipment. A permanent masonry structure could be built for \$55,000.00 to \$60,000.00.

The next option is a permanent structure which would have substantial cost savings. It would be cement board siding and have a shingled roof. It would cost approximately \$40,000.00, depending on how much the board wishes it to match the building.

Another alternative for \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 is a shed like the one previously reviewed. Included would be \$12,000.00 for power and a new concrete slab. Without electricity the cost would decrease by \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00.

Mr. Weiner recommended getting the \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00 structure. Mr. Weiner moved, and Mr. Ryan seconded, to approve the permanent structure for \$30,000 to \$40,000 with a look as close to the library building as possible. The Friends encouraged practicability.

Then later, Mr. Weiner modified the motion, and Mr. Ryan seconded, to install a \$25,000 to \$30,000.00 prebuilt custom-designed structure with electricity.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Weiner, Pintozzi

Nays: 0

Absent: Clifford, Rouse

Motion CARRIED.

The subject of criminal background checks was discussed. The board agreed to wait until Ms. Clifford was in attendance before making a final decision.

Ms. Sinnott reported for the Friends of the Library. The Friends' board decided that they would like to work closely with Mr. Pansch in presenting the Smart Room to the community. They would like to learn more about the vision that the library is working toward for its future. The library offers many resources that people may not be able to afford on their own. Libraries of the future may redefine literacy and access to resources. The Friends want to be there to help.

The next Book Sale will be held on October 24 and 25. The Friends have partnered with the community's "Shop for a Cause" (Shop Barrington) and will be distributing "Shop" coupons at the Book Sale. Sources for leftover books after the sale have been found. The Friends partner with several not-for-profits.

Once again the board thanked the Friends for the Smart Room.

There was no Old business. Under New Business, the board discussed the Village's request. The board agreed that it can't tell the Village what we are going to do yet.

The library board is against the spine road. We need that area so we could expand. We don't know where our buildings or our parking lot will go.

Barrington Venture and The Garlands called us. They don't want it the spine road either. The Park District doesn't want it.

We would be giving up property that we may need in the future. Also, there has been no suggestion of compensation.

The board will draft a letter to the Village.

No Executive Session was held. The Personnel Committee will meet some evening at 7:00 p.m. Members of the committee will be notified by email.

There being no further business, Mr. Ryan moved, and Mr. Wisniewski seconded, to adjourn.

Ayes: Ryan, Minner, Wisniewski, Weiner, Pintozzi

Nays: 0

Absent: Clifford, Rouse

Motion CARRIED.

Final adjournment was at 8:18 p.m.

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Barbara Pintozzi, Secretary Pro Tem