

Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library
109 S. State Street, Hampshire, IL 60140
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 24, 2022

Call to Order: President Barbara Brust called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 pm. Present were trustees Pat Dumoulin, Matthew Mariani, Judith Pokorny, Linda Wallace, and Karen Williams. Also present were staff members Executive Director Stephen Bero, Recording Secretary Kimberly Luhman, and Youth Services Manager/Assistant Director Heather Swanson; and guests Chris Naatx, Drew Wright, and Daniel Olsem from Crown Community Development.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Brust 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 Wallace and second by Trustee Mariani to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on December 27, 2021. Minutes were approved by voice-vote consensus.

Executive Session: Motion Trustee Mariani and second by Trustee Williams to enter into executive session at 7:04 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 Brust, Dumoulin, Mariani, Pokorny, Wallace, and Williams
Nays: None

Board returned to regular meeting at 8:31 pm.

Action as a Result of Executive Session: Motion by Trustee Wallace and second by Trustee Mariani to have Executive Director Stephen Bero contact our attorney to draw up a letter of interest/intent (which word is best) regarding Romke 72.

Ayes: Trustees Brust, Pokorny, Mariani, Wallace, and Williams
Nays: Dumoulin

Treasurer's Report:

- A.** Approval of bills- Motion by Trustee Mariani and second by Trustee Williams to approve January bills in the amount of \$34,148.80.

Ayes: Trustees Brust, Dumoulin, Mariani, Pokorny, Wallace, and Williams
Nays: None

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

Director's Report:

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

President's Report: President Brust shared that she attended the open house of the offices of State Senator Dave Syverson and State Representative Jeff Keicher.

Unfinished Business:

- A.** Motion by Trustee Wallace and second by Trustee Mariani to amend the contract with Executive Director Stephen Bero to reflect the new termination date of September 14, 2022, which was previously September 15, 2022.

Ayes: Trustees Brust, Dumoulin, Mariani, Pokorny, Wallace and Williams

Nays: None

- B.** Motion by Trustee Dumoulin and second by Trustee Wallace to transfer maturing CDs 6412 & 6414 at Resource Bank to a new money market account at Resource Bank designated Special Reserve-Capital Improvements.

Ayes: Trustees Brust, Dumoulin, Mariani, Pokorny, Wallace and Williams

Nays: None

New Business: Executive Session Minutes Committee recommendation to not release any Executive Session minutes at this time.

Motion by Trustee Wallace and second by Trustee Mariani to approve destruction of audio recordings from August 26, 2019 and September 23, 2019.

Ayes: Trustees Brust, Dumoulin, Mariani, Pokorny, Wallace and Williams

Nays: None

Executive Session:

- A.** Not required

Discussion: Trustees discussed concerns to the recent incident at the St. Charles Public Library. Executive Director Stephen Bero will be double checking our policies to make sure we are completely covered and prepared for any situation that may arise.

Executive Director Stephen Bero reminded the board about the open board position and the need to fill that position.

Adjournment: President Brust adjourned the meeting at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Luhman, Recording Secretary

Approved,

Judith Pokorny, Board Secretary