

**Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library**  
**109 S. State Street, Hampshire, IL 60140**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**March 27, 2023**

**Call to Order:** President Barbara Brust called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Trustees Barbara Brust, Linda Drendel, 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, and Recording Secretary Kimberly Luhman.

Public: Hampshire Village President Mike Reid, Hampshire Village Manager Jay Hedges, and Kim Alberth.

**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 Dumoulin and second by Trustee Wallace to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on February 27, 2023. Minutes were approved by voice-vote consensus.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- A.** Approval of Bills for March 2023, and Payrolls for February 2023. Motion by Trustee Wallace and second by Trustee Lattanzio to approve March bills in the amount of \$52,414.91 and the February 2023 payrolls in the amount of \$27,833.97.

Ayes: Trustees Brust, Drendel, 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-March 3, 2023
- D. Friends Minutes-March 7, 2023

Executive Director Stephen Bero has completed the application with USPS for bulk mailing. We will use the bulk mailing for promoting programs.

Friends of the library will need future storage for the book sale. As a reminder this is Ron's last year storing books for the book sale and his last year in charge of the sale.

**President's Report:** Trustee Brust reminded everyone about the Geranium sale for the Ella's Friends.

Kane County States Attorney Office - Open Meeting Acts Overview of Laws on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Board members will need to do an annual online sexual harassment training.

House Bill 2789 passed in the IL House and was sent to the IL Senate. In order to be eligible for State grants, a public library or library system shall develop a written policy prohibiting the practice of banning books within the public library or library system.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

Conversation with Hampshire Village President Mike Reid and Village Manager Jay Hedges brought an offering of wanting to assist the library board on opportunities to locate a new plot of land for a future library. They would like to know our needs and desires for a new library site. Jay stressed that "whatever you need we are here."

**Discussion:** Trustee Williams shared that she still needs to watch the library workshop seminar. Board information on candidates will be available at the desk for any person wanting to learn more about each candidate.

**Adjournment:** President Brust adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm.

The next Regular Board Meeting is at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 24, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Luhman, Recording Secretary

Judith Pokorny, Board Secretary