

**MINUTES OF THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Bloomfield Township Public Library
Oakland County, Michigan
Tuesday, August 19, 2014

At 7:07 p.m. the Regular Meeting of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by President Joan Luksik.

Present: Trustees: Peggy Cohen, Grant Gerhart, Eli Greenbaum, Judy Lindstrom, Joan Luksik, and Pam Williams

Administration: Library Director, Carol Mueller; Assistant Director, Tera Moon; Finance Coordinator, Beth Sulek-LaHousse; Director's Secretary, Andrea Aragona

Guests: Marianne Abdo, SOC; Klaren Gerhart, Township resident; Ann Williams, Adult Services Department Head.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Peggy Cohen, seconded by Judy Lindstrom, **TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF ITEMS FOR THE REGULAR AND CONSENT AGENDAS.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

Ayes: Cohen, Gerhart, Greenbaum, Lindstrom, Luksik, Williams

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

President's Verbal Report:

Joan reflected back on this busy and wonderful summer at the Library. We had so many accomplishments and activities! We had wonderful reading programs for all ages and all groups, completed our RFID project and had great displays in the lobby cases reminiscent of decades past in conjunction with the Library's 50th Anniversary. The Art in the Hills student art display was fabulous and our Friends of the Library had many successful book sales. All of these successes were due to the hard work of our staff and our Director and Assistant Director and the Board of Trustees acknowledges all of their collective efforts.

Director's Verbal Report:

Carol began by reporting on our lower level water issues. The survey work has been completed on the elevations of the storm water pipes in the parking lot. The camera crew came, but lines were full of water so they were able to proceed only so far. The next step is likely a check valve. Further investigation of the west side water leak in the conduit coming into our mechanical room will be discussed with the Building & Grounds Committee.

Carol shared a "Thank You" card received from the winner of the Mini Ipad from Youth Services. Youth Services had 778 patrons participate in our summer reading program. Adult Services had 190 participants in the Teen/Adult themed summer reading program. Congratulations to both departments on a very successful summer library program series!

Invitations for our 'Night at the Library' have been mailed out. Posters and postcards will go out to the community soon. SOC is sponsoring a Staff Reunion on Thursday, September 11 from 1:00-4:00pm. Carol invited the Trustees to stop in and visit with former and current staff.

The Library was represented at the Dream Cruise this past weekend. Carol thanked Pam Williams for arranging this and Elaine Asher, Adult Services Librarian, for representing the Library. Youth Services Librarian, Amy Young, will represent the Library at the "Touch a Truck" event on September 6.

CONSENT AGENDA MOTION:

After discussion, a motion was made by Judy Lindstrom, seconded by Grant Gerhart, **TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING: CASH DISBURSEMENTS**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

Ayes: Cohen, Gerhart, Greenbaum, Lindstrom, Luksik, Williams

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR AGENDA:

Call to the Public: Joan welcomed Marianne Abdo, SOC representative and Klaren Gerhart, Township resident, to the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No items for discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

11a Myers Scholarship

Carol thanked the Scholarship Committee. We received five applications this year and Linnea Anderson was chosen to receive the scholarship in the amount of \$650.00. Pam Williams reviewed the Scholarship procedure and Eli Greenbaum gave a brief presentation of Linnea's career goals. Linnea is currently enrolled at Oakland University and works part time as a library page in the Adult Services Department. Linnea was unable to attend the scholarship presentation and Ann Williams, Adult Services Department Head, accepted the award on her behalf. Ann read a "Thank You" letter from Linnea to the Trustees and the Myers Family.

11b Ratification of Revised Ballot Language

Carol stated that at the August 11, 2014 Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees meeting, the proposed Library Millage wording was changed slightly from what the Library Board had approved on August 6, 2014 and submitted to the Township. The Board must now ratify the new wording as approved by the Bloomfield Township Board.

After discussion, a motion was made by Peggy Cohen, seconded by Judy Lindstrom **TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION: WHEREAS, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN (THE "TOWNSHIP"), PURSUANT TO ACT 164, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN, 1877, AS AMENDED, HAS ESTABLISHED THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY; AND**

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN (THE "LIBRARY") HAS PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE TOWNSHIP AND ITS RESIDENTS THAT THE LIMITATION ON TAXES WHICH MAY BE IMPOSED EACH YEAR FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES UPON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP BE INCREASED IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 0.5410 MILLS (\$0.5410 PER \$1,000 OF TAXABLE VALUE) FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, COMMENCING IN 2014, ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY APPROVED THE FORM OF A PROPOSAL TO RESTORE AND SUPPLEMENT LIBRARY MILLAGE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY RECOMMENDED CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE PROPOSAL TO RESTORE AND SUPPLEMENT LIBRARY MILLAGE THAT PROVIDED FURTHER CLARIFICATION AS TO THE PORTION OF THE PROPOSED MILLAGE THAT RELATED TO THE RESTORATION OF PREVIOUS MILLAGE APPROVED; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY TO RATIFY THE CHANGES TO THE PROPOSAL TO RESTORE AND SUPPLEMENT LIBRARY MILLAGE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY HEREBY RATIFIES THE PROPOSAL TO RESTORE AND SUPPLEMENT LIBRARY MILLAGE SET FORTH BELOW, WITH SUCH CHANGES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:

PROPOSAL TO RESTORE AND SUPPLEMENT LIBRARY MILLAGE

SHALL THE LIMITATION ON TAXES WHICH MAY BE IMPOSED EACH YEAR FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES UPON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN, BE INCREASED IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 0.5410 MILLS (\$0.5410 PER \$1,000 OF TAXABLE VALUE) FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, 2014 TO 2023, INCLUSIVE, AS A NEW ADDITIONAL MILLAGE, OF WHICH .2946 MILLS OF THE INCREASE IS TO RESTORE THE ORIGINAL AUGUST 10, 1982 1 MILL LEVY, WHICH HAD BEEN REDUCED TO .7054 MILLS BY THE REQUIRED MILLAGE ROLLSBACKS AND .0338 MILLS IS TO RESTORE THE AUGUST 6, 2002 .7874 MILL LEVY, WHICH HAD BEEN REDUCED TO .7536 MILLS BY THE REQUIRED MILLAGE ROLLSBACKS. THE REMAINING .2126 MILLS OF THE PROPOSED .5410 IS A MILLAGE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LIBRARY FUNDS FOR ALL LIBRARY PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW FOR THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THIS PROPOSAL WOULD RESULT IN THE AUTHORIZATION TO COLLECT \$1,756,004.00 IN THE FIRST YEAR IF APPROVED AND FULLY LEVIED.

2. ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INsofar AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME HEREBY ARE RESCINDED.

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

Ayes: Cohen, Gerhart, Greenbaum, Lindstrom, Luksik, Williams

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

A question was raised with regard to a check payable to Bernan Associates. Carol stated that Bernan Associates is a publisher used for Adult Services reference items.

A question was raised with regard to the amount of the water bill for July 2014 in comparison to July of 2013. Carol explained that this is most likely due to the timing of the bills and when they were paid.

After discussion, a motion was made by Peggy Cohen seconded by Pam Williams, **TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS PRESENTED.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

Ayes: Cohen, Gerhart, Greenbaum, Lindstrom, Luksik, Williams

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Other:

Pam Williams suggested that the Preservation Bloomfield Corn Roast might be an opportunity for a "Pop Up Librarian" visit. Carol will investigate this possibility.

After discussion, a motion was made by Grant Gerhart seconded by Peggy Cohen, **TO ADJOURN MEETING.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

Ayes: Cohen, Gerhart, Greenbaum, Lindstrom, Luksik, Williams

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

The next meeting of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Board of Trustees is Tuesday, September 16, 2014 in the Board Room.

Submitted by:

Eli Greenbaum, Secretary