

Seymour Public Library District Board of Trustees Meeting

Date: August 23, 2022

Trustees Present: Russ Harkins, Ellen Dellostritto, Nancy Karpinski, Lynda Deorio, Suzanne Bench, Clyde Howard, Meg Vanek, Larry Liberatore; Trustees Excused: Joe Runkle

Staff Present: Lisa Carr, Dixie Warner-Webert, Dori Gottschalk-Fielding, Jackie Kolb

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Taken/Next Steps
CONSENT AGENDA		
Minutes August 2, 2022 meeting August 2022 Library Report Committee Reports: Board Governance 8/11/2022 Finance 8/15/2022 Building 7/21/2022		Motion to accept the Consent Agenda by Clyde Howard, seconded by Lynda Deorio, approved unanimously.
PUBLIC COMMENT none		
UPDATES		
Upcoming Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Governance 9/8/22 3pm • Building Committee 9/15/22 5 pm • Finance 9/19/22 4:30 pm • Board of Trustees 9/27/22 4 pm 		
Friends of Seymour Library	Lynda DeOrio reported that the Friends haven't met since last meeting.	
Seymour Library Foundation	Nancy Karpinski reported that the Foundation has selected C&S as contractors for the roof project. Chris Hutchinson will be the point person for the Foundation on the project. Beardsley will be the owner's representative. The contractors are already preparing for the work, but the skylight may not be installed until April 2023. She is working toward a joint meeting between the library and Foundation boards.	
ACTION ITEMS		
Election/Budget Referendum	Jackie Kolb gave an overview of the election process, concentrating on absentee ballots. Election will be Friday, October 28, 2022.	Motion by Meg Vanek to appoint Jackie Kolb as Election Chair, and approve date/timeline for election/budget referendum, seconded by Nancy Karpinski, approved unanimously.
Resolution to override tax cap	Ellen Dellostritto read aloud the "Resolution to Override the NYS Tax Cap for Proposed 2023 Budget" as follows: Whereas, the adoption of this 2023 budget for Seymour Public Library District requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and Whereas; General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Seymour Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2023 by at least sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on Tuesday, August 23, 2022.	Motion by Ellen Dellostritto to adopt the resolution to override the tax levy cap by 5%, seconded by Clyde Howard, approved unanimously.

Proposed 2023 Budget		Motion by Lynda Deorio to accept the 2023 budget, which includes an increase in tax levy (to 924,000, subject to public vote), seconded by Clyde Howard, approved unanimously.
Financial Statements July 2022		Motion by Ellen Dellostritto to accept the Financial Statements for July 2022, seconded by Suzanne Bench, approved unanimously.
Claims for July 2022		Motion by Meg Vanek to accept the Claims for July 2022, seconded by Lynda Deorio, approved unanimously.
Policy Review/Approval	Policies: Patron Code of Conduct Patron Complaint Form Investment Policy Credit Card Policy	Motion by Clyde Howard to accept all four policies, seconded by Lynda Deorio, approved unanimously.
<i>DISCUSSION ITEMS</i>		
Grants Recently Received	Dori Gottchalk-Fielding reported on new grants received: \$9,360 for Auburn History Forge from National Archives via Tompkins County History Center \$7,000 for Digital Literacy Workshops from Public Library Association \$1,500 for Manga and Light Novel Collection expansion from Friends of the TCPL	

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm

Next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 4pm

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Harkins, Secretary