

MINUTES OF THE EVERGREEN PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 9, 2013
7:00pm Library Lower Level

President Kim Shine called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Along with Kim Shine, Vice President Virginia Chandler, Treasurer Elizabeth Topa and Trustees Deborah Pearson, Helen Tomczuk and Kathy Savory were present. Also present was Library Director Nicki Seidl. Secretary Tina Ward was absent with prior notification.

Virginia Chandler motioned to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 14, 2013. (There was no September 2013 meeting by earlier Board approval.) Kathy Savory seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Reports for both August and September were presented by Nicki Seidl, with discussion of an anticipated \$40,000.00 shortfall for 2013, caused primarily through lower property tax payments. Nicki advised that she will seek information on payment delays from the Village and that the shortfall will be absorbed through expense controls. With her guidance, the Board reviewed these reports and Deborah Pearson motioned to accept the August Treasurer's Report. Kathy Savory seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Deborah Pearson then motioned to accept the September Treasurer's Report and Virginia Chandler seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The list of checks for August and September were presented, with no unusual disbursements noted. Deborah Pearson motioned to approve the payment of these bills and Kathy Savory seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

During the Public Participation segment of the Board meeting, State of Illinois Representative Kelly Burke (36th District) reported on legislative developments and state budget planning for 2014, noting that tax receipts are increasing, largely attributable to the 5% personal income tax rate, implemented in January 2011. For the coming year, this increase in revenues will be chiefly directed to paying down \$2.5 billion in unpaid bills. She also noted that the state budget will focus on education, although state university funding will remain at 2013 levels. As to library funding, she advised that the state grant will provide \$1.25 per capita for 2014. She also advised that the Digital Divide grant will be made in January. On other news, she advised that the state pension issue has not yet been resolved and that it is very complex. She also advised that Worth Township will host two October 29 meetings to present information on the Affordable Health Care Act: 3pm for seniors; and 7pm for the general public and small businesses.

Old Business:

- Nicki Seidl presented the Library's proposed Mission Statement for discussion, with Elizabeth Topa motioning to accept and Helen Tomczuk seconding the motion, which was unanimously approved. The Mission Statement now reads:
"Evergreen Park Public Library offers resources that encourage lifelong learning and enrich the quality of life in our community."

- Nicki Seidl presented the FY2014 Anticipated Income and Expenses statements, noting that the income has been forecast at about \$26,000.00 less for 2014, which will need to be offset with expense efficiencies. Of particular note is that capital expenses for 2014 are budgeted at \$2,400.00, down more than \$40,000.00 from 2013.

New Business:

- Nicki Seidl presented information to support the Library's FY2014 Levy in the amount of \$1,021,550. Elizabeth Topa motioned to adopt the levy and Helen Tomczuk seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- Nicki Seidl distributed quotes for insurance premium renewals for 2014, which include increased coverage for Crime and Worker's Compensation. Virginia Chandler motioned to approve the 2014 premium of \$10,236.00 for the Hartford Insurance Package Umbrella and Equipment Breakdown. Kathy Savory seconded the motion. Deborah Pearson abstained from voting, citing a potential conflict. All others voted approval and the motion was passed. Kathy Savory motioned to approve the Hartford Workers Compensation premium of \$2,327.00 and Elizabeth Topa seconded this motion. Deborah Pearson abstained from voting. All others voted approval and the motion was passed.
- The proposed contract for snow removal by Sertoma Centre, Inc. at a rate of \$65.00 per episode was presented by Nicki Seidl. Virginia Chandler motioned to approve the contract and Helen Tomczuk seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- Helen Tomczuk motioned to accept the 2014 Illinois Library Per Capita Grant Application. Deborah Pearson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the Evergreen Park Board of Trustees will be held at the Library on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 7:00pm. At 6:00 pm, immediately preceding this regular meeting, a public meeting to present an update on the progress of space planning/redesign will be held.

After all business had been conducted, Helen Tomczuk motioned to adjourn the meeting and Deborah Pearson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. At 9:03pm, Kim Shine adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Virginia Chandler