

Lansing Public Library
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2021

Board President Tim Glinski called the Regular Board meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Tim Glinski, Sharon Novak and Bonnie Cuthbert

Via Zoom: Mozella Brown and Judy Koch (6:38 p.m.)

Absent: Lillian Ball and Jeri Villa

Also Present: Debbie Albrecht, Library Director and Eleanor Borys, Admin. Asst.

Visitors: Kelli Staley, IT Department (*via Zoom*), RJ Reynolds, IT Department
and Dan Podgorski, Village of Lansing Administrator

Via Zoom: Beth Bozzo, Youth Department and RJ Reynolds, IT Department
and Dan Eallonardo, Independent Construction

Information about Commercial Tax Support Resolution presented by Village Administrator

Dan Podgorski: All trustees received a draft copy of A JOINT RESOLUTION DEMANDING FAIRNESS & EQUITY IN DETERMINING THE ASSESSED VALUE OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES FOR THE CALCULATION OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES. Dan explained the negative impact that this large increase in property tax would impose on our village. They are hoping that our community taxing bodies will all endorse this resolution in hopes to get the County Assessors to reconsider what increasing Lansing's small businesses (some 50-150%), is going to force some small businesses to close.

Remodel Update presented (via Zoom) by Dan Eallonardo: Debbie provided trustees with Lower Level Renovation status report from Dan Eallonardo. Dan addressed project completion date, issue log, allowance log as well as the progress payment review. Dan explained that the unforeseen expenses were due mostly to structure/heating circumstances. Dan said we are moving forward and we may complete renovation below budget. President Board Tim Glinski stated he was glad of the progress thus far.

Correspondence: Debbie shared a very nice Thank you letter from the United States Department of Commerce for our partnership during this Decennial Census, along with a Thank You certificate recognizing the Lansing Public Library for being an invaluable member of the 2020 Census Community partnership.

Approval of Minutes: Bonnie Cuthbert moved and Sharon Novak seconded the motion to approve the January 21, 2021 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting.
All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Expenditures: Bonnie Cuthbert moved and Judy Koch seconded to approve payment of the February 2021 General/Prepaid bills in the corrected amount of \$550,713.42, and additional February 2021 bills in the total amount of \$13,738.81. (added late payment to Henry Bros. in the amount of \$219,948.53 approved by President Tim Glinski)

All present voted aye on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Friends of the Library:

Friend's president Roselle asked Debbie if she had a date when Friends could meet again.

Debbie told her she would let her know as soon as she knows when.

Information about Cards for Kids Legislation: Debbie provided all trustees with a copy sponsored by Illinois State Senator Laura Murphy talking points why free library cards to kids/students is a good idea. Debbie also talked about the Cards for Kid's legislation and Library Service to Nonresidents would affect our Library.

Review Chapter 7 through the appendixes in the Standards:

Debbie and the trustees went over each chapter's checklist. Chapter by chapter Debbie asked if any trustees saw something that we need to do. They discussed we are just below "hours of Service" because we are not open on Sundays. The board thanked Debbie for keeping the library current and up to date with the Standards. Bonnie stated it is extremely important for our patrons. Debbie stated she has to file by the 15th of March, 2021.

Good Neighbor Parade Jennifer DeGrauwe is coordinating our parade entry again this year

Theme – Super Heroes! She lo

ves the theme. Debbie was happy to be the first to submit parade entry. Thanks Jennifer.

Debbie asked the board for permission to close the library to the Public on Friday, Feb. 26, 2021 so the carpet in the entryway can be removed/replaced. The contractors and Staff will work their regular shifts. The board gave Debbie permission to open the Library later on Friday February 26, 2021 from 12:00 – 5:00 P.M.

President Tim Glinski declared the February 18, 2021 Board Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be on March 18, 2021.

Submitted by,

Eleanor Borys, Administrative Asst.