

Talcott Free Library Board Meeting

Monday, June 6, 2022

Members present: A. Floto, L. Floto, D. Garlow, T. Garlow, Geddeis, Kovanda, Director Gove.

Absent: Ragaller

President Kovanda called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Secretary's Report: Kovanda proposed that a statement regarding the Director's salary be stricken from the report. After discussion, a show of hands approved the proposal by a vote of 4-2.

Treasurer's Report: L. Floto moved, and Geddeis seconded, to approve the treasurer's report. Passed unanimously. The current CDs mature in February 2023. A schedule of staggered maturities will be implemented to provide flexibility for managing the CDs.

Librarian's Report: Kovanda moved, and D. Garlow seconded, to approve this report and the payment of current invoices. Motion approved unanimously. The property replacement tax, unexpectedly, was \$16,000 more than last year. The library is offering "Explore More Illinois" to patrons, providing free or discounted admission to various destinations. Hoopla and Kanopy are being used extensively by patrons. Comics Plus has seen very limited usage, and will be discontinued. The summer reading program has begun with 338 participants registered, including 175 children, 45 teens and 118 adults. Weekly summer programs will begin next week.

Building and Grounds Report: The annual fire test and dumbwaiter test have been completed. The parking lot light had a failed sensor that was fixed last month. Only one estimate was received for landscaping work. It was accepted, and plants are ordered. The low bid for roofing work was from BA Solutions Company for \$138,347. The repair will be financed with \$50,000 left from the building project plus \$90,000 taken from the Jones CD. Completion is expected in autumn before freezing weather sets in. The library will close for one day because of the odor of the adhesive material. A. Floto suggested obtaining customer references before definitely committing to accept the bid. Geddeis moved, and T. Garlow seconded, to conditionally accept the BA Solutions bid. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: The proposed budget for FY2023 was reviewed. Revenue from the grant is roughly estimated since the exact amounts are currently unknown. Board meeting dates will be moved to the third Monday of each month. Closed dates will be for the usual holidays, plus a half day staff in-service on October 10. T. Garlow moved, and Geddeis seconded, to approve these dates for FY2023. Motion passed unanimously. T. Garlow moved, and A. Floto seconded, to approve the tax method of calculating charges for non-resident library cards. There is considerable need for these cards because the Shirland School district and parts of the Hononegah High School district lie outside the Talcott Library district boundaries. Past attempts to annex these unserved areas have been rejected.

T. Garlow moved, and L. Floto seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously. Adjournment at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by L. Floto, Secretary