

Talcott Free Library Board Meeting

Monday, July 18, 2022

Members present: L. Floto, Geddeis, Kovanda, Ragaller, Director Gove.

Absent: A. Floto, D. Garlow, T. Garlow.

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

Public Comment: None.

Secretary's Report: Members having read this report, it was accepted as presented. Ragaller and Geddeis volunteered to perform the annual secretary's audit required by Illinois Public Libraries (IPLAR).

Treasurer's Report: Kovanda moved, and Geddeis seconded, to approve the treasurer's report. Carried unanimously.

Ragaller moved, and L. Floto seconded, to approve Ordinance 2022-01, to levy and assess a tax of 0.02% for the building and maintenance fund, subject to the right of the voters to petition for a referendum concerning the imposition of this tax. Such a petition would require the signatures of 743 voters, and would need to be filed within 30 days after the publication of the notice. The motion passed unanimously. Kovanda moved, and Geddeis seconded, to authorize Director Gove to publish within 15 days a legal notice of public hearing on the building and maintenance levy. The public hearing will be conducted at the September 19 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Librarian's Report: L. Floto moved, and Ragaller seconded, to approve the report and payment of current bills. Motion carried unanimously. The FY2022 Annual Report notes that our new construction was finally finished, and the new study rooms have been used almost 450 times by the public. There are currently 3,221 cardholders (438 new this year), and there have been 25,283 total visits. The collection includes 50,681 total items (2,853 new this year). Checkouts of books, E-books/audio, DVDs, and magazines were valued at a total savings of \$1,508,432 to the community. There were 1,830 wireless sessions and 27,356 visits to Talcott's website. The summer reading program, ending July 30, is already a success.

Building and Grounds Report: The roof repair is expected to be performed at the end of August. It was determined that the police department surveillance system from the opposite side of Main Street covers the library building satisfactorily, so that no cameras are needed for the library itself.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Kovanda moved, and L. Floto seconded, to authorize Director Gove to formally submit the IPLAR audit upon completion. Approved unanimously.

Geddeis moved, and Ragaller seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. Adjournment at 7:31 p.m.

Submitted by L. Floto, Secretary