

Talcott Free Library Board Meeting

Monday, August 15, 2022

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Secretary's Report: Members have read the report, and it was accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Ragaller moved, and L. Floto seconded, to approve this report. Motion carried unanimously. The annual audit is in process.

Librarian's Report: D. Garlow moved, and Kovanda seconded, to approve this report and the payment of current bills. Director Gove joined the Administrative Council of PrairieCat. The council meets once a month and affords our director the opportunity to assist with policy and budget setting for the consortium. August 22 marks Talcott's 133rd anniversary, and also the 9th anniversary of Megan Gove's employment at the library.

Building and Grounds Report: The roofing project starting on August 22nd is expected to take 5 to 7 business days. There will be a new sign at the rear parking lot directing patrons to the library entrance on Main Street, hopefully clarifying the fact that entry is not permitted at the rear door. The lamp at the parking lot is being checked to ensure that it comes on at appropriate times. The sidewalk has been power washed but ice cream stains remain. It may need washing monthly. This expense will be considered when the Dairyhäus lease is drafted. The lease expires May 1, 2023. Director Gove is investigating whether the village will provide for a tree to be planted between the sidewalk and Main Street. There have been more leaks in the roof (both old and new sections) since the recent rains. A one-year warranty covers the new portions.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: South Beloit annexed a property where the owner wants to erect a large building that is not permitted by Winnebago County. The annexation creates an enclave of about 60 acres involving several landowners currently in Talcott's district, which South Beloit could annex involuntarily. The library stands to lose approximately a thousand dollars in tax revenue due to this change, but there is no action we can take to prevent it. The library will not close for the midterm elections in November, but if staff members need time off to vote, it will be granted. At the next meeting, the creation of a three-member committee will be considered to work on drafting the next Dairyhäus lease.

T. Garlow moved, and A. Floto seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Adjournment at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by L. Floto, Secretary