

Perry Public Library
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
November 14, 2022
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Attendance: Virginia Winter, David Shearing, Bethany Zerbe (President), Barb Glenn, Angel Lowery (Treasurer), Jessica DeMarte (Director), Stacey Muolo, Lorie Ames (7:01). Excused absence: Sandy Lawrence

President Bethany Zerbe call the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

Consideration of the Agenda and Conflict of Interest: Director DeMarte asked that consideration of a new hire be added to new business.

Public Comment: Linda Hyland discussed 2 books from the YA collection.

David Shearing made a motion to approve the October 3, 2022 minutes. Lorie Ames seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Bethany Zerbe made a motion to approve the Account Payable Voucher. Virginia Winter seconded. The motion passed unanimously

The YTD 2022 Budget was discussed.

Barb Glenn made a motion to approve the Capital Fund Doors & Alarm Voucher. David Shearing seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Director DeMarte's report was discussed. Much of her time was used to prepare budgets. She discovered that we have paid retirement for a person already retired. A new copier was installed. Programs are attracting some participants.

Youth Services Librarian Purvis's report was reviewed. A new method of keeping data is being used to help with year end reporting. YSL Purvis continues to plan many programs for children to select from. She is also working with the public school to make the library more accessible to students.

Policy Committee: Stacey Muolo made a motion to approve the Computer and Internet Use Policy with the following changes: in paragraph 1 the last sentence a comma is inserted after the word 'process'; also in paragraph 2 the third sentence is change from "The library's ability" to "The library has the ability". Lorie Ames seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Bethany Zerbe made a motion to approve The Continuing Education Policy with the following change: in the last paragraph 'PLS events' is to read 'OWWL events'. Lorie Ames seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Barb Glenn made a motion that all hourly staff receive a \$1.00 / hour wage increase. Virginia Winter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Budget committee made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget. Stacey Muolo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Stacey Muolo made a motion to approve a fixed rate contract with Family Energy for a period of one year. Barb Glenn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Budget committee made a motion to approve a vote to override the tax cap for the 2024 budget year with the following resolution:

Tax Cap Override Resolution

Whereas, the adoption of the 2024 budget for the Perry Public Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Perry Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2024 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by law on 11/14/2022.

David Shearing seconded. The Resolution was approved unanimously.

The Building Committee made a motion to accept the new quote from Alliance for the new doors. Stacey Muolo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Bethany Zerbe made a motion to approve the hiring of Ronald Jennings as a part time clerk at a rate of \$13.20 / hour. Barb Glenn seconded.

Bethany Zerbe made a motion to move to Executive Session at 8:12 PM for the purpose of discussing the Director DeMarte's evaluation.

Barb Glenn made a motion to leave Executive Session at 8:47 PM.

David Shearing made a motion to adjourn at 8:48 PM.

Dates: December 5th @ 7:00 PM, December Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Glenn, Secretary