

Perry Public Library
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
December 4, 2023

Attendance: Stacey Muolo (President), Barb Glenn, Jessica DeMarte (Director), Virginia Winter, Bethany Zerbe

Excused absent: Sandy Lawrence, Lorie Ames, David Shearing

President Stacey Muolo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

Consideration of the Agenda and Conflict of Interest. Bethany Zerbe added that we should discuss the January meeting date.

Public Comment: None

Bethany Zerbe made a motion to approve the November 13, 2023 minutes. Virginia Winter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Bethany Zerbe made a motion to approve the November 30, 2023 (Special) minutes. Virginia Winter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Budget and Building Committee made a motion to approve the adjustments for the 2023 Budget. Barb Glenn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Report: Director DeMarte's report was discussed. Highlights include the replacement of an electric pole, gutter cleaning, and the submission of the Ralph Wilson Foundation Grant.

Youth Services Librarian Purvis's report was reviewed. Highlights include the First Grade field trip to the library and the Stuffy Sleepover.

The Budget and Building Committee made a motion to approve wage increases of 8% for part time staff and 9% for full time staff for the 2024 Budget Year. Virginia Winter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Bethany Zerbe made a motion to roll over the overage from 2023 to 2024 as follows: \$2620.00 to the Reserve Fund and \$1000.00 for wages. The total is \$3705.00. Barb Glenn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A recommendation by the Budget and Building Committee to consider a Budget Increase of 19.2 % FOR 2025 was tabled until the January meeting.

Barb Glenn made a motion to place the endowment amount of \$158,232.80 in a 6 month CD at Tompkins Bank at 4.9% interest. Bethany Zerbe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion of how the Library will respond to the upcoming Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024 was also tabled until next month.

Barb Glenn made a motion to approve changing the January meeting to January 8th, 2024. Virginia Winter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Bethany Zerbe made a motion to override the tax cap. Virginia Winter seconded. The following Resolution was adopted:

Tax Cap Override Resolution

Whereas, the adoption of the 2025 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 2025 by at least sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on 12/04/2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

Barb Glenn made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 PM.

Dates: Tuesday, December 19 @5:00PM – Trustees Handbook Book Club: Financing and Managing Construction Projects

Wednesday December 27 @ 4:00 PM – End of Year Meeting

Monday January 8, 2024 @ 7:00 PM January Board Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Glenn, Secretary