

**NIPPERSINK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
July 13, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of the Nippersink Public Library District at the Nippersink Library, 5418 Hill Road, Richmond, Illinois, was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Sandra Peterson.

PRESENT

Trustees Adrienne Adams, Brett Bieder, Robert Johnston, Michelle Jordan, Drew Knobloch, Sandra Peterson, Sue Rekenhaller and Library Director Cynthia Cole were present

RECOGNITION OF SECRETARY

Trustee Rekenhaller was recognized as Secretary. Director Cole volunteered to act as Recorder.

RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE – David Gutowsky of Internet Freedom for McHenry County was present.

ADDITIONS – None

MINUTES

A. Approve June 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made by Trustee Bieder, seconded by Trustee Knobloch, to approve the June 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Voice Vote: All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS -

A. Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White – FY21 Per Capita Grant Award

The library has been awarded a FY21 Per Capita Grant in the amount of \$16,502.30. This is an increase \$2,517.30 over the FY20 grant. However, it is unclear when the grant funds will be distributed since we are already into FY22.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Review and Approve Warrant #1

Warrant #1 in the amount of \$25,657.85 was reviewed for payment.

MOTION was made by Trustee Johnston, seconded by Trustee Bieder, to approve Warrant #1.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Adams, Bieder, Johnston, Jordan, Knobloch, Peterson, Rekenhaller

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

B. REVIEW MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Director Cole advised that we came in approximately \$59,000 under budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Expenses were significantly lower for FY21 due to the building being closed for many months including reduced hours of service.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT

All items on the agenda were in the Director’s Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

A.

NEW BUSINESS –

E. Review Request to Participate in Internet Freedom For McHenry County Grant Project

This topic was moved to the top of the agenda in order to allow Mr. Gutowsky to speak to the board. Mr. Gutowsky provided an overview of the IFMC group and their upcoming grant project. Mr. Gutowsky requested the library consider joining the IFMC and participate in the grant project. Discussion ensued and the board agreed to discuss this topic further at the next meeting. Mr. Gutowsky thanked the trustees for their time and left the meeting.

A. Approve Ordinance 2021-7-1 Building and Maintenance Levy

Director Cole advised that we pass the ordinance every July in order to capture an additional 0.02 in property tax revenue for building and maintenance purposes. She further advised that the ordinance must be published in full within 15 days of passage and is subject to a backdoor referendum.

MOTION was made by Trustee Bieder, seconded by Trustee Adams, to approve Ordinance 2021-7-1 Building and Maintenance levy

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Adams, Bieder, Johnston, Jordan, Knobloch, Peterson, Rekenthaler

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

B. Review Closed Session Minutes

Director Cole advised that it was once again time to do our bi-annual review of the closed session minutes.

MOTION was made by Trustee Knobloch, seconded by Trustee Jordan, to keep the Closed Session Minutes closed.

Voice Vote: All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

C. Discuss and Approve Cancellation of Guardian Disability Insurance Policy

Director Cole provided an overview of the policy and advised that the coverage is no longer necessary since IMRF now provides comparable coverage. The IMRF plan covers more employees and the cost of the IMRF coverage is already included in our employer contributions to IMRF.

MOTION was made by Trustee Johnston, seconded by Trustee Bieder, to cancel the Guardian Disability Insurance Policy.

Voice Vote: All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

D. Designate Trustees to Conduct FY22 Secretary’s Audit.

Trustees Adams and Johnston volunteered to conduct the audit as part of the Illinois Public Library Annual Report which is due each year by August 31.

F. Discuss Fine-Free Policy Implications

Director Cole wanted to assess the interest in going fine-free; she has discussed the possibility with Kathy Christenson, Circulation Manager, who has reservations about how this would work in a small library. Consensus was to provide more information and Director Cole will put together an outline and policy framework for discussion at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

A. Review and Approve Revised Face Covering and Social Distancing Policy

Discussion ensued and consensus was to maintain face covering requirements until school starts. Conditions will be evaluated again next month.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS – None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, President Peterson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Cole,

Theresa Sue Rekenhaller, Secretary