

**NIPPERSINK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
August 10, 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 and Library Director Cynthia Cole were present. Trustee Sue Rekenhaller was absent.

RECOGNITION OF SECRETARY

Trustee Knobloch agreed to serve as Acting Secretary in the absence of Trustee Rekenhaller. 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 July 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Voice Vote: All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS -

A. ILA Virtual Conference; Oct. 12-14

Director Cole advised that the ILA Conference would be virtual again this year due to COVID. The Early Bird Rate is good through September 13; anyone interested in participating should advise Director Cole and she will handle the registration.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Review and Approve Warrant #2

Warrant #2 in the amount of \$11,506.18 was reviewed for payment.

MOTION was made by Trustee Jordan, seconded by Trustee Bieder, to approve Warrant #2.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Adams, Bieder, Johnston, Jordan, Knobloch, Peterson
Nays: None**

MOTION CARRIED

B. REVIEW MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Director Cole advised that we came in approximately \$4,000 over budget for the month ending July 31, 2021.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

A.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. Review Tentative Ordinance 2021-9 Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

Director Cole provided a tentative draft of the ordinance and advised that the public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 14 immediately prior to the regular meeting. Notice of the hearing was published in the Northwest Herald on July 31 and a tentative draft of the ordinance was posted in the library a minimum of 30 days prior to the hearing, as required by statute. Director Cole did not anticipate any significant changes to the ordinance prior to the hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – President Peterson opted to move Agenda Item A to the last item of business.

B. Review Fine-Free Policy Outline

Director Cole provided an outline of the issues and concerns relating to a fine-free policy. Upon discussion, consensus was reached that the library would not go fine-free at this time, but would continue to review the topic as deemed necessary.

C. Review Building Operations and Masking Policy

Consensus was reached that due to the transmission of COVID in McHenry County, we would continue to ask visitors to wear a mask/face-covering in the building. It was further agreed, that current hours of service will be maintained, the meeting rooms will remain closed and no in-person programming will be conducted. The board will continue to evaluate the situation monthly.

A. Discuss Participation in Internet Freed for McHenry County Project

President Peterson expressed her concern that IFMC lacked a formal governance structure. Upon discussion, consensus was reached that the library would not participate in the grant project at this time, but thanked Mr. Gutowsky for his time and wished him success.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS – None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, President Peterson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Cole,

Drew Knobloch, Acting Secretary