

BPL minutes 11-17-16

Called to order at 5:12 pm by President John Blaser who welcomed all in attendance. Peter Carey, John Dever, Michael Conn, Peggy Bruen, Gina Loprinzo, Karen DeSantis, and Lynne Eckhardt were also in attendance.

Public Comment: Lynne Eckhardt from the Town of Southeast board.

- Town Supervisor has requested a more comprehensive budget. Gina sent him the 2016 budget and will be sent the 2017 budget when it is adopted.
- Trustees are appointed by the Town Board at their regularly scheduled meetings.
- Lynne brought up the Town Board concerns about a Bond vote. John B asked if we have the support of the Town Board and Lynne replied that the Board would like more information about the Bond. She suggested Gina and the Board comes to another Town Board meeting in the spring with a new Powerpoint presentation. The Board believes a Special Election is not a good idea as it will only bring out a limited number of voters. Gina would like members of the Board to visit the library before the presentation to have a better idea of the limited meeting and programming space.
- Obstacles of a Bond vote include breaking the tax cap. There is also a concern that once the library has expanded, a second bond will be needed to increase the budget for an increase in staffing needs.
- Lynne suggested that we need to have the true costs which include current and future costs. She also suggested that we should include what taxpayers currently pay towards the library budget as compared to what the increase would be with the passing of the bond.
- Additional questions to research: How would the increase change the STAR rebates? Is there a difference between the School Board breaking the tax cap as compared to the Town Board?
- If we would like to do a test run of the presentation before coming to the Board, Lynne would be willing to bring another board member to it.
- Perhaps we should get the School Board and other organizations to help.
- In general, votes within Southeast are very informed and active in town. There is a larger number of Republicans who vote.

October minutes were approved with edits. Peter Carey motioned, John Dever seconded, approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report. Highlights: We received a \$1,200 grant from MHLS for Under Represented Minority outreach. Previously we received an \$8,000 grant from Senator Murphy towards the purchase of laptops. *Several of the older software programs are incompatible with Windows 10. Gina is waiting to hear from MHLS technology to see what can be done about that.

Peter Carey motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and Peggy Bruen seconded. Passed.

Director's Report. Highlights: The new employees are all working out well. One additional employee, Donna, will begin after the holiday.

- Roof report. Ryan Walsh inspected the roof and noted that the rubber roofing is no longer viable. The Drain pipe travels through the building and is most likely causing the leaks. An estimate for roof repairs is in the meeting packet.
- We need to consider an exterminator. We currently have a service but at a very low level. Gina will ask them to monitor for any additional problems.
- NYLA conference discussions included Privacy laws which state that a child's account is separate from their parents and information cannot be shared with the parent unless the accounts are linked. Parents will continue to be notified of these privacy laws when signing up their children for library cards.
- Peter Carey motioned to accept the Director's report. Michael Conn seconded. Passed.

Update from Building committee:

- John Dever discussed the grant money available for the construction. First stage is focused on moving the wall out, fixing the ramp, and possibly switching from oil to gas. Construction will need to have temporary areas between stages for plumbing and sinks.
- Drawings will be done after a second visit.
- Question for Paul. Plumbing has been added but is not in grant proposal. Does that matter? Are we required to have a water cooler for public use?
- Construction start date ETA is spring 2017.
- Survey company: www.TerryBergendorffCollins.com
- Meeting with Paul will be scheduled for December.

2017 Budget discussion.