

Minutes of the Galway Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Serving the Central School District
Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Members Present: Sue Stewart, Kevin Hertzell, Jim Hodssoll, Arlene Rhodes, and Margie Prasek.
Also present: Library Director Regina Doi. Absent: Fred Baily, Adam Belden

The meeting was called to order by Sue Stewart at 7:00 pm.

Sue made a call for us to plan for "Lobby Day". This will be added to the agenda at the next Board meeting. Meetings with Assemblyman Tedisco and Senator Farley are planned. We must make sure they know how the 2% tax cap will affect the Library.

Jim presented two P.O.s which needed approval. Margie made a motion to approve the check for Mary Cuffe-Perez and Arlene made a motion to approve the check for the accountant. Both motions were approved and carried.

Discussion re: school garage site for a proposed new library. The question arose as to whether we should authorize an architectural survey at this point. Kevin proposed writing a contract for the school board proposing the transfer of the property and considering the environmental issues. Question: if, perhaps, we should offer to help finance any clean-up. Question should be asked under what conditions the school would be willing to transfer the property.

Arlene made a motion to abandon efforts for getting the school property for use as a Library. Motion failed.

Jim made a motion to send the school a letter requesting them to define for us whether they are willing, and under what conditions, they will transfer the property to us and that the Library Board does not wait for the School Board's answer before proceeding with other avenues of inquiry. The motion was approved and carried. Kevin will draft the letter.

RFP for an architectural feasibility study and a phase I environmental preliminary assessment study? It was decided that the Board would first list the possible properties in order of desirability.

Discussion re: changing the Board meeting day. Discussion was tabled.

Discussion as to increasing the Board's size. This would have to be done before Regina places the ad. Discussion was tabled. At the next meeting we should come up with a profile of what we are looking for in such individuals - e.g. areas of expertise and visibility in the community.

Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. The motion was approved and carried.

Margie Prasek