

Galway Public Library, Library Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

In attendance: Board of Trustees: Cate La Barre, Fred Baily, Jane Behrens, Jim Hodsoll, Arlene Rhodes, Sue Wemple; Friends of Library representative, Ardeth Deay; Treasurer, Erik Roy; SALS Director, Sara Dallas; Library Director, Deb Flint. Absent: Santina Florio.

(Remote Meeting conducted via Zoom)

Meeting Called to Order by Cate La Barre at 6:30 pm

Public Comment

Sara Dallas, Director of SALS, thanked Director Deb Flint for her good work and the Board for their leadership in providing excellent library service to residents of the Galway Central School District. She provided information on a small projects grant of \$5,000, applications coming soon; the requirement of 2 hours continuing education for trustees; and a workshop in March on collections and materials challenges. She advised that the library must post collections and reconsideration policies on the library web site. Sara left the meeting after her remarks.

Minutes of Prior Meeting: Motion by Jim Hodsoll, second by Fred Baily, to accept the minutes of 1/19/22. Vote: Yes 6, No 0 – Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Sue Wemple, second by Jim Hodsoll to approve expenditures listed in the registers below and the receipts log.

BSNB General Checking – 1/22/22 – 2/4/22

BSNB General Checking – 2/5/22 – 2/18/22

Operating Grants Checking – 2/5/22 – 2/18/22

Petty Cash – 2/9/22

Receipts Log – 1/12/22 – 2/10/22

Vote: Yes 6, No 0 – Motion carried.

Director's Report

Correspondence

Friends' Report

Standing Committees

Buildings and Grounds

Finance

Personnel

Long-Range Plan

Public Relations

Unfinished Business

Solar Energy Discussion

Motion by Jim Hodsoll, second by Jane Behrens to proceed to make arrangements to join Ampion Community Solar. Vote: Yes 4, No 0, Abstain 2 (Fred Baily and Sue Wemple)

Motion carried.

New Business

Tax Cap Resolution (Copy at the end of the minutes)

Motion by Jim Hodsoll, second by Fred Baily to adopt the Tax Cap Override Resolution, 2022-2023 Budget. Vote: Yes 6, No 0 – Motion carried.

Resolution - Tax Cap Override 2022-2023 Budget

Whereas, the adoption of the 2022-2023 budget for the Galway Public Library may require a tax increase that exceeds the tax cap proposed 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 Galway Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2022-2023 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

Motion adopted by vote of _____ in favor and _____ against.

Catherine La Barre
President of the Board of Trustees

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Proposed Budget for FY 2022-2023

Changes to the proposed budget were suggested. A revised budget will be sent out before the March Board meeting.

Board Vacancies

The Board terms of Arlene Rhodes and Jane Behrens end on June 30. Arlene indicated she will not seek another term on the Board.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Motion by Jim Hodsoll, second by Jane Behrens to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Vote: Yes 6, No 0 - Motion carried.

Arlene Rhodes, Secretary Pro Tem