

ROLL CALL

President Vollmer called the October 28, 2024 meeting of the Oglesby Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 6:30pm.

Members present: Clinard, Cullinan, Engel, Porter, Vollmer (Rich), Watson

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There was no public comment on agenda items only.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a motion made by Engel to approve and place on file the minutes as presented for the September 23, 2024 budget meeting.

Vice President Engel suggested a change to the wording of the minutes of the September 23, 2024 regular meeting, altering the wording about the board being "younger in age" to the board having "full-time employment". Watson suggested striking the line about participating amply as she had instead meant that all of the members of the board participate as much as they are able.

There was a motion made by Porter to approve and place on file the minutes, subject to the corrections, for the September 23, 2024 regular meeting.

MONTHLY BILLS

There was a motion made by Watson to approve and place on file October 2024 bills; seconded by Porter.

AYE: Clinard, Cullinan, Engel, Porter, Watson

Motion passed.

REPORTS

President Vollmer spoke about the HVAC project. He talked briefly about the quotes obtained for electrical work and then presented an additional quote received from Guisti Electric.

There was a motion made by Clinard to approve and place on file the president's report.

Treasurer Clinard noted the library had received 69% of its revenue for the current fiscal year, as opposed to being at 27% in terms of expenses. As of her report, the board was 33.33% through the fiscal year.

There was a motion made by Engel to approve and place on file the treasurer's report.

Director Sheedy noted that if the annual income threshold for overtime exemption is raised January 1, 2025, her salary will fall below the threshold. Sheedy noted if the new wage requirement is not struck down, her position would no longer be considered exempt. She further noted her efforts to get the memorial donation board current with more research to be done on donor names that may be missing. Sheedy also noted the library will be a stop for the Winter Wonderland event – where the carriage will leave from the library. Lastly, Sheedy noted that she turned down the “Matter of Balance” program due to concerns about insurance coverage.

There was a motion made by Clinard to approve and place on file the director's report.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was a card received from the City of Oglesby, thanking the library for helping with the scramble activity during the city's annual Harvest Fest celebration. Director Sheedy received a letter from the Secretary of State's office, informing the library of the legal obligation to fill former trustee Vollmer's seat within 90 days of resignation. There was a letter from RAILS informing the board about an open trustee seat for a term ending in 2025. Finally, the board also received notice that there would be a TIF meeting, to be held by the city, on October 30.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Clinard explained that the board is required to pass a building and maintenance ordinance in order to levy the building and maintenance levy of .02% tax, the proceeds of which go towards buildings and grounds maintenance.

There was a motion made by Clinard to approve ordinance no. 10282024, the “Building and Maintenance Ordinance”; seconded by Engel.

AYE: Clinard, Cullinan, Engel, Porter, Watson

Motion passed.

It was noted that Governor Pritzker recently signed legislation that reduces the legally required treasurer's bond to not less than 10% of the total funds received by a library in the prior fiscal year. The library is in a position to reduce the treasurer's bond to \$20,500. This amounts to a decrease in the library's annual premium from \$350 to \$100.

There was a motion made by Watson to decrease the library's bond to the legal minimum of \$20,500; seconded by Porter.

AYE: Clinard, Cullinan, Engel, Porter, Watson

Motion passed.

There was discussion about the HVAC project, specifically all the various quotes. The contractors submitting quotes signed the required prevailing wage acknowledgement. Porter suggested going with the cheapest option especially considering that Guisti has done work for the library before.

There was a motion made by Porter to approve the HVAC bid submitted by Guisti Electric; seconded by Clinard.

AYE: Clinard, Cullinan, Engel, Porter, Watson

Motion passed.

It was noted that, by the December regular meeting, the board would need to fill former trustee Vollmer's seat. President Vollmer provided a list of some names he thought would be good but noted that none of these people had yet been approached.

EXECUTIVE SEESION

There was no executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm by Engel; seconded by Porter.

AYE: Clinard, Cullinan, Engel, Porter, Watson

Motion passed.



Richard Vollmer
President



Austin Cullinan
Secretary