

## **BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Monthly Board Meeting

**Tuesday, August 17, 2021 7:00 PM**

A Public hearing was held before the Regular Board Meeting to discuss **Ordinance # 89 Providing for Budget and Appropriations for the Beecher Public Library District, Will County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.**

President Biery explained the purpose of this annual Ordinance to benefit the new board members.

The regular meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**TRUSTEE ROLL CALL: Biery, present Bunte, present Czarnecki, present, Kerber, present Saller, present, Stamper, present Wehling, present.** Jill Grosso and Vicki Squier were also present.

**Additional Agenda Items: See General.**

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Regular minutes from the July 20, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Following review, Kerber moved to accept minutes as amended, seconded by Wehling. **Biery, yes Bunte, abstain, Czarnecki, abstain, Kerber, abstain, Saller, yes, Stamper, yes, Wehling, yes.** Motion passed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bunte presented the Treasurer's report & Financial recap. Following board review Czarnecki moved to approve both reports, seconded by Stamper. **Biery, yes Bunte, yes Czarnecki, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes, Stamper, yes, Wehling, yes.** Motion passed.

The Financial recap was reviewed, investments are looking very good. The Outstanding Bills were reviewed. Following review, Czarnecki moved to approve payment of Outstanding bills, totaling \$15,475.34, and any late additions, seconded by Wehling.

**Biery, yes Bunte, yes Czarnecki, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes, Stamper, yes, Wehling, yes.** Motion passed.

The Budget Comparison was reviewed and found to be sound.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Statistics were very good for July.
- COVID update: We have posted a sign on the door requesting patrons wear a mask, but are not requiring it.
- The kids loved the STRAW ROCKETS program. Vicki heartily agreed!
- The Summer Reading numbers were much lower than in the past. Covid might be responsible.
- The board agreed the library should close at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11 during the 4<sup>th</sup> in the Fall celebration as we do during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. On Sunday, the library parking lot will be the site of the annual CAR SHOW, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.
- Jill asked if she could order new library card key chains, the quality of ours is very poor. Board agreed.
- September is Library Card sign-up month. Spread the word!
- Jill requested a vacation day on Aug. 30: Board consented.
- New program ideas were proposed. For the kids: 'Reading to the Service Dogs', Payton visiting Zion school, starting '1,000 books before Kindergarten' program, Making Gingerbread Houses in December and Animal Ideas.  
Possibilities for adults: Elvis Impersonator, Illinois Storm Chasers, Terry Foote Poetry Reading, Pinterest Party in December, Monthly Cooking Club, Monthly Classic Movie Screenings.
- The subject of School children making Field Trips to the library was discussed at length. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders should all be introduced to the library.

## **CORRESPONDENCE: None**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Building/Grounds:** Rick has done a thorough study of the A/C & the Water Softener situation. He has read over the files and found the softener was purchased in 2016. Going forward Rick will be in charge of the A/C & Softener issues.

**Housekeeping:** Kathy reports all is well with the cleaning crew.

**Landscaping:** Michelle gave a report stating the outdoors looks great.

**Schools:** Jennifer reports that tomorrow the Teachers and Aides will be in school, Friday the children come in. Next week begins a full day. Jennifer

agreed to notify Melissa concerning library parking lot rules.

**Social:** Beverly announced she will be serving refreshments on Sun. Aug. 22 when Greg Ohlendorf presents his GOLF program. Jill will set-up the meeting room on Friday.

**General:** The new Gutter Guards cost \$970 for 150 total ft. Jeff Oltoff of J&J Aluminum is the contractor.

- Shirley, Beverly & Rick had a meeting with Jill. They discussed training the new staff, planning programs, getting new programs started.

- Shirley suggested she, Michelle & Kathy meet with Jill to discuss various ways to choose books to purchase for adults. All agreed to meet.

**OLD BUSINESS None.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Czarnecki moved that we pass **Ordinance # 89 Providing for the Budget and Appropriations for the Beecher Public Library District, Will County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022**, seconded by Wehling.

**Biery, yes Bunte, yes Czarnecki, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes Stamper yes, Wehling, yes.** Motion passed.

The Borrowing Policy was discussed at length. Following discussion and having agreed to update the policy, Saller moved to adopt the new Borrowing Policy seconded by Stamper.

**Biery yes Bunte yes Czarnecki yes Kerber yes, Saller yes, Stamper yes, Wehling, yes.** Motion passed.

- Shirley spoke about her disagreement with Jill concerning the Staff Pizza Party incident. Board members recieved a handout sheet explaining the incident. Discussion followed. Board agreed the policies must be reviewed regularly and communication must improve between the Director & the trustees so as to not have such misunderstandings in the future..

- **Chapter 5 (Building Infrastructure and Maintenance)** was discussed. Everyone agreed that we are on top of everything to do with the Building.

- The Overdue materials policy was reviewed and revised.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Greg Ohlendorf Golf Travelogue, August 22, 2021 2 p.m.**

**- Regular Board Meeting, September 21, 2021, 7 p.m.**

Shirley reminded everyone that the Village is having an Open House for the new Multi-Million Dollar BEECHER WASTEWATER PLANT on August 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. til Noon. She encouraged members to attend if possible.

Saller moved to adjourn at 8:53 p.m., seconded by Stamper.

**Biery, yes Bunte, yes Czarnecki, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes, Stamper, yes Wehling, yes.** Motion passed.

**Kathryn A. Czarnecki**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn A. Czarnecki". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the printed name.

**Secretary**