

THE OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

February 26, 2007

Attending: OPL trustees Bob Minzesheimer, Joyce Lannert, Peter Capek and Thomas Staudter; OPL acting director Joan Hraban. School board liaisons Alice Joselow. Guest: Chris Surovich; Tamara Stewart; Judy Sagat; Marci Dressler; Bonnie Katz.

President Minzesheimer called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. in the community room of the library.

Minutes: A motion was made (Lannert, Capek) to approve the January 30 meeting minutes. Unanimous.

Announcements: Geraldine Mahoney of the Briarcliff Public Library called and thanked the OPL for “loaning” two OPL staffers during the first week of January.

Public comment: None.

Acting Director’s report: Hraban updated board on security plans for the new library. Also, a BH&A bill was okayed to add for invoices. Budget materials were being looked over. Hraban said she’d begin preparing the budget. Ludlum agreed to help with this.

Expansion Update: Moving toward certificate of occupancy. First waiting on architect’s form of “substantial” completion and the electric underwriters’ certificate. Fire inspector expected to do walk-thru. \$90,000 state grant in pipeline. March 11th opening is still a possibility. A motion was made (Lannert, Staudter) that the board renew its resolution, passed earlier on 12/8/05, to use its reserves to support construction of the new library. Unanimous. Minzesheimer asked for a staff checklist for opening. WLS scheduling computers and training for first week in March. Open house planned. Staudter will do media press advisories.

New Director: Capek said first round of interviews were cancelled because of snowstorm. Later this week interviews will re-commence.

School Liaison Report: None.

Invoices: A motion was made (Lannert, Capek) to pass an old BH&A bill (\$494.08). Unanimous.

Public Comment: Tamara Stewart reported that some board members were ordering around the library staff.

The board’s next meeting was scheduled for March 12.

At 9:25 PMpm a motion was made (Lannert, Staudter) to go into Executive Session to discuss upcoming contract negotiations and personnel issues. At 9:40 PM a motion was made (Staudter, Lannert) to exit the Executive Session. Both motions passed unanimously.

At 9:40 PM a motion was made (Staudter, Capek) to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Staudter