

THE OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

January 14, 2008

Attending: OPL trustees Bob Minzesheimer, Joyce Lannert, Peter Capek, Thomas Staudter, Mirla Morrison, Lucinda Manning, Reginald Bush; OPL director Beth Bermel; school board liaison Alice Joselow; Wobble Café owner Richard Foshay.

President Minzesheimer called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM in the board room of the library. The agenda was approved.

Minutes: A motion was made (Manning, Lannert) to approve the December 17, 2007 minutes. Unanimous.

Public Comment: None

Director's Report: Bermel noted that the library's geothermal system was running smoothly. Some work on the sidewalk by the village caused damage to some of the library's plantings; Bermel said she would bring the problem up with the village engineer. In terms of personnel, Bermel has approached the library's legal counsel about putting together an employee handbook. First, conflicts of interest must be checked. The brand-new digital "book," the Kindle, was passed around. Bermel discovered an endowment fund used for purchase of books. More on this next meeting.

Trustees' Report:

President—Minzesheimer promised a festival update next month.

Building Project—Lannert noted that an article on the OPL's geothermal system was in the NY Times.

Pump failure cause not known, however. Sewer leak was fixed days after last board meeting. Lannert is looking up warranty info for all the pump repairs.

Café—A motion was made (Capek, Lannert) to approve a lease with Richard Foshay, owner of the Wobble Café, to operate the café in the library. Unanimous. Café must be operating within 45 days of lease signing.

Bylaws/Policy—Board thanked Morrison and her committee members for all the work completed on squaring away policies for the library. A motion was made (Lannert, Staudter) to approve the following new library policies: The Freedom to Read; Freedom to View Statement; Free Access to Libraries for Minors; Library Bill of Rights; Trustees Code of Ethics. (Tabled were Policy on Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest policy) Unanimous.

Construction Invoices: A motion was made (Staudter, Manning) to pay the following invoices on the recommendation of Lannert, following her review: Beatty Harvey #4356 (\$123.50); Keane & Beane #436568 (\$438.75); Munz Associates #3-Phase 2 (\$1,009.16); Savin Engineers #8951 (\$2,047.03); SMAC Corp. #Applic. 3 (\$21, 036.75); and West. County Dept. of Health (\$250.00). Unanimous.

Old Business:

LEED plaques—A motion was made (Lannert, Capek) to purchase a second plaque. Unanimous. Morrison will ask the OPL Foundation to pay for mounting the plaques in the library.

Extra Parking—A new proposal to offer the OPL parking spaces in the next door lot by Mr. Rodriguez was considered by the board, which would like negotiations to continue.

New Business:

Resolutions—A number of new resolutions were considered. Resolution # 16 transfers \$1000.00 to a different budget line to help pay for utilities. #17 increases Petty Cash to \$250.00. #18 allows OPL to accept a cash donation from Risa Schifter in honor of her grandson. #18 allows OPL to accept a cash donation from Bonnie Zitofsky. #20 allows OPL to accept a cash donation from Abbas Alaghemand. A motion was made (Staudter, Morrison) to approve Resolutions #16-20. Unanimous.

Proposed goals for 2008—Board felt this needed more input, further review. Tabled till February meeting.

Budget preparation—Tabled till February meeting.

Because of scheduling conflicts, the February 11, 2008 meeting of the Board will be held at 5 PM.

A motion was made (Capek, Manning) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Staudter