

DIRECTOR
Jenny Marr

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Kelly Farrah
Adrienne Fazzolara
Amanda Hanlin
Erin Hooper
Kevin Yezbick



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Library Board Meeting

Minutes

May 18, 2023 - 6:30 PM

Board Meeting

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Judeen Bartos at 6:30PM.
2. Roll call: Judeen Bartos, Meghan Evoy, Kelly Farrah, Adrienne Fazzolara, Erin Hooper, Kevin Yezbick. Amanda Hanlin absent with notice.
Director Jenny Marr and Assistant Director/Recording Secretary Jordan Wright also present.
3. Approval of agenda
A MOTION by Yezbick and seconded by Evoy to approve the agenda as presented; passed unanimously
4. Presentation – Budget for FY 24
Director Marr presented a slideshow detailing the FY 2023-24 budget.
5. Public Hearing on the Budget
Opened at 6:58PM
Closed at 7:02PM
6. Public Comment on the Budget -- *Total time not to exceed 30 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker*
A Ferndale resident noted that the budget presentation was not on the website when she expected it based on the public hearing notice. Director Marr clarified that getting the presentation to the website was a self-imposed deadline and that all the legal requirements had been satisfied. The resident had questions regarding the budget increase for contractual services during FY 22-23.
7. Approval of Budget FY24
The board discussed details regarding how funds are spent, which budgets certain expenses fall under, and the proportion of the budget that is spent on employee wages and benefits.
A MOTION by Hooper and seconded by Farrah to approved the proposed FY 2024 Budget as presented with 2.85 mills as the tax rate
Roll call
Yes: Bartos, Evoy, Farrah, Fazzolara, Hooper, Yezbick
No: 0
8. Public comment – *Total time not to exceed 30 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker*
None.
9. Minutes: Approve April 20, 2023 **regular** minutes
A MOTION by Yezbick and seconded by Farrah to approve minutes from the April 20th meeting as proposed; passed unanimously
Minutes: Approve April 20, 2023 **closed** session minutes
A MOTION by Farrah and seconded by Hooper to approve minutes from the closed session on April 20th as proposed; passed unanimously
10. Director's Report

See supporting documents for in-depth programming information. Director Marr invited the Board Members to the Summer Reading Kickoff on June 17th from 1-3 at Martin Road Park. There will be food, ice cream, games, and live music while residents sign up for the Summer Reading Program. Marr also reported about her work with the Michigan Library Association and answered the Board's questions regarding the library's online resources.

11. Acceptance of expenditures and finance reports for the month of April

A MOTION by Yezbick and seconded by Fazzolara to accept expenditures and finance reports for the month of April; passed unanimously

12. Landscaping Proposal

Director Marr presented the landscape proposals provided by Worry Free Landscaping.

A MOTION by Evoy and seconded by Yezbick to approve an amount not to exceed \$14,000 for the proposed library landscaping project; approved unanimously

13. Board Calendar of Events

14. Committee reports

A. Art & Exhibitions – Erin

The tiny art program is returning and there is new art on display in the library. The committee is looking for a local artist for November 2023.

B. Friends of the FPL – Kelly

The Friends are rebuilding their membership. Though their bylaws call for an annual meeting, they voted to suspend their next annual meeting during the rebuilding phase. The Friends are no longer charging dues for membership. They have elected a new vice-president and now have a temporary secretary, in addition to Friends President Ed Burns. They are looking into volunteer bartending at the Pig & Whiskey festival.

C. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion – Amanda

No report

D. Finance – Judeen and Kevin

Finance met earlier in the week and reviewed the budget proposal.

E. Personnel – Adrienne

Will conduct director performance evaluation in closed session.

F. Schools – Meghan

No report.

15. Committee appointments as needed

None.

16. Review action items

None.

17. Announcements/comments from board members

Yezbick attended the Gardening programming and was happy to see the Friends organization represented.

Bartos and other board members were happy to attend Ferndale's volunteer appreciation night.

Evoy had the opportunity to speak with State Representative Helena Scott and reported that Scott felt warmly welcomed at the library and was happy to see how politically engaged Ferndale is.

18. *Closed Session to be convened – For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing, in accordance with Sec. 8(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) MCL 15.268.**

A MOTION by Evoy and seconded by Yezbick to enter a closed session at 7:48PM.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bartos, Evoy, Farrah, Fazzolara, Hooper, Yezbick

No: 0

Returned from closed session at 8:48 PM

19. *Closed Session to be convened – to consider a periodic personal evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, if the named person requests a closed hearing, in accordance with Sec. 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) MCL 15.258.**

A MOTION by Yezbick and seconded Evoy to enter a closed session at 8:52PM

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bartos, Evoy, Farrah, Fazzolara, Hanlin, Hooper, Yezbick

No: 0

Returned from closed session at 9:57PM

20. Adjourn

A MOTION by Yezbick and seconded by Fazzolara to adjourn at 9:58; passed unanimously

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