

Byron Bergen Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2023

Attendees: Gary DeWind, Sally Capurso, Shirley Wade, Katie Rumble, Bethany Gizzi, and Nancy Bailey, Heather Kent, Anna Marie Barclay.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Motion to Approve Minutes from November meeting minutes: Made by Anna. Seconded by Heather. All approved.

FINANCIALS:

For the month of November Vouchers 156-170

Other than usual monthly expenditures: \$0
Business as usual expenditures: \$6767.60
Total Expenditures for the month: \$6767.60
Total income for the prior month: \$1830.00

Motion to approve Vouchers 156-170 for the month of November. Made by Bethany. Seconded by Sally. All approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received some donations. Heather to step in as corresponding secretary and send thank you notes.

Library Manager Report:
Nancy submitted report.
Board had no questions.

Old and New Business:
\$2988- Nancy proposed for a new children's computer.
Anna will research computers to see if that is the best price.

Motion to purchase a new computer for the children in the amount of \$2988. Made by Anna Seconded by Shirley. All approved.

Municipal 414: Town of Bergen was passed. Town of Byron was not passed. Town of Byron gave us \$6200 for 2024.

Short term goal: Some board members will meet with new town of Byron Supervisor to see where she is at and if there is any other money available.

Motion to Meet Formally with Candy Hensel in February or March. Made by Anna. Seconded by Shirley. All Approved.

Long term goal:

Motion to Pursue Municipal 414 revote in Byron in 2024. Made by Heather. Seconded by Bethany. All approved.

Library will have to hire own bookkeeper and financial person. Barb Zinter seems to be the likely choice and will get back to us regarding an estimate for services.

Charter will remain the same between the towns. There is a contract between the towns and some members of the board will talk with our lawyers this Friday to go over said contract.

Whereas, the adoption of this 2024 budget for the Byron Bergen Public Library requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by the state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Byron Bergen Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2024 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on December 6, 2023.

Motion to Approve Resolution. Made by Bethany. Seconded by Heather. All approved.

Board members interviewed potential board member replacements for Gary DeWind. We had 4 people interested. Board made its selection to be announced at the January meeting.

Motion to Approve spending above the e book budget by appr \$1400 to offset the grant money. Made by Gary. Seconded by Anna All approved.

Executive Session started: 8:26

Executive Session ended: 9:18

Motion to Amend proposed 2024 budget for the full-time wages to \$43,000. Made by Bethany. Seconded by Heather. All approved.

Motion to Approve 2024 Budget. Made by Heather. Seconded by Bethany. All approved

Motion to End Meeting Made by Heather. Seconded by Gary. All approved.

Meeting Ends at 9:25 pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Rumble