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Special Library Board Meeting Minutes June 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mary Bell, Kristy Bower, Ruth Gruber, Sam Marohn, Kathy Rollins, Joan Rusch, Cathy Forst and Kristina Costigan

Library Director's Report:

The new carpet installation is complete and looks great.

On May 30, Kristina requested a meeting with Township Supervisor, Ric Davis, and Facilities Manager, Jerry David, regarding an upcoming power outage in the building that could potentially delay the completion of the carpet project. The aggressive behavior displayed by the Township Supervisor was reported to EctoHR. Details of this meeting are also presented in the attached memo.

At the May 8, 2025, Township Board Meeting, the board approved a consent agenda item titled Communication: IT and Security Update. To summarize, the Board approved Phase Two of the Safety and Security Plan which involves changing the locks on a number of doors throughout the Civic Center including doors specifically intended for access to the library. Some of these locks have already been changed and library staff access to a number of shared spaces within the Civic Center has been restricted.

The Township Board Meeting agenda for June 12, 2025, contained another consent agenda item for approval of Phase III of the Safety and Security Enhancements Upgrade for the Civic Center. The Library Board strongly objects to the implementation of these changes without Library inclusion. The Library Director will make a written request to the Township Board to ask that they remove this item from the consent agenda and continue further discussion at the Joint Meeting of the Township and Library Boards on Tuesday, June 17, 2025. A copy of this request is attached to these minutes.

Review of Civic Center Agreements

As indicated in the 2007 "Letter of Understanding between the Springfield Township Library and Collin Walls, Supervisor, Springfield Township," the library and the township have historically enjoyed a cooperative relationship. This relationship seems to be threatened by the combative and antagonistic attitude of the current Township Supervisor, Ric Davis.

Upon the suggestion of our lawyer, the Library Board would like to form a committee to review our cost sharing agreement and any amendments to the agreement or addendums

to further clarify the relationship between the township and the library with respect to our shared occupancy of the Civic Center building.

Agenda Item Recommendations for Joint Board Meeting with the Township Board

The Library Board requests the following items be included the Joint Board Meeting Agenda:

- Introduction of all Board Members
- Library Operations Update Presentation
 - This presentation will include a short history of the library and an update on the many services and programs we offer to the residents of our township. It will also include statistics that demonstrate how many residents benefit from our library services .
- Building Operations Communications
- Discussion of Building Access Control and Security Enhancements
- Discussion of Civic Center Agreement

Business was completed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Rollins, Secretary

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