

Library Board Meeting August 15, 2023

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

Members present: Mary Bell, Kristy Bower, Kathy Rollins, Joan Rusch and Cathy Forst.

Absent: Sam Marohn and Ruth Gruber

The regular order of the meeting was suspended to open the Budget Hearing for 2024. The Hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m. The Board discussed the millage rates available for the 2024 budget year. Since there were no questions or comments from the public, Joan moved to close the Hearing and Kathy Rollins seconded. Motion passed. The Hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes for July were distributed at the meeting and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

The bills for August total 21,958.99. Joan moved to pay the bills for August and Mary seconded. Motion passed.

In our regular account we have \$371,722.84 and in our reserve account we have \$326,520.78 for a total of \$698,243.62.

Library Director's Report:

July circulation—15,350

Patrons—2,903

Door Count—2,799

- a. Received Penal Fine check from Oakland County of \$19,722.10. Last year we received \$21,970.20 and we budgeted \$25,000.00 a shortfall of \$5,277.90.
- b. Summer Reading ended on August 4th we will have statistics next month.

Old Business:

A patron asked if we had a mask policy and we do not. We had one during covid as the Health Department and MIOSHA required. We have a couple of staff members that wear masks but it is for medical reasons. Also some staff have been wearing a mask if they are ill or return to work after having covid. I polled several libraries and no one had a mask policy. The Board felt that a policy was not necessary that it is a matter of personal choice and does not interfere with their job duties.

New Business:

Kristy moved to levy 0.3989 and 0.4781 millages for budget year 2024. Kathy seconded. Motion carried. Cathy will forward the signed L-4029 form to the Township and County.

Our business completed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Rollins, Secretary

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