

November 9, 2022

The Sullivan County Public Library Board of Trustees held an executive session at the Sullivan County History Museum at 4:00pm. The executive meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Library Board: Terri Roberts, President; Aaron Greve, Vice President; Katie Couch, Secretary; Jo Linda Lyttle, Secretary; Susan Brooks; Chris Gentry; Sarah Hannon

Library Staff: Jordan Orwig, Director; Tammy Secrest, Accounting Manager

Call to Order:

Called to order at 5:39pm. Chris made a motion to call the meeting to order. Susan seconded and motion passed.

I. Executive Session

The Board held an executive session from 4:00-5:30pm.

II. Approving and Signing the October Minutes

Susan made a motion. Jo seconded and motion passed.

III. Approving and Signing the October Special Minutes

Aaron made a motion. Chris seconded and motion passed.

IV. Approving and Signing the November Special Minutes

Chris made a motion. Susan seconded and motion passed.

V. Approving and Signing the October Claim Sheet

Chris made a motion. Susan seconded and motion passed.

VI. Old Business

a. Friends

Nothing new at this time.

b. Feasibility Master Plan

Chris made a motion to accept the plan. Aaron seconded and motion passed. Aaron explained that it is just an acceptance of the study. Chris reiterated that no projects have been decided upon.

Terri read a prepared statement explaining the Board dynamics, the Hymera relationship, and some branch history and updates needed. She talked about the approach to Shelburn to relocate to the train depot building a few years ago. She discussed the options facing the Board and reiterated that nothing has been finalized. Jordan addressed a question about the cost of renovations being \$4-\$9 million.

VII. New Business

a. Employee Review

A staff member requested additional time off to find a car. Sarah made a motion to approve the time off request. Jo seconded and motion passed.

b. Innovative Product Quotes

Jordan explained that there may be some needed upgrades to our ILS and expansion of the online catalog. He recommended that the Board review the quotes. Terri asked if there is a demonstration available. Jordan said he would look into it.

c. Miscellaneous

A walnut tree was taken down on empty lot near the main library. It cost \$1400 which Jordan approved after a phone conversation with Terri. It was removed due to potential damage to the neighbor's property.

VIII. Public Input Period

Jesse Kasinger, the Shelburn Town Council President, again offered the use of the building in Shelburn rent free. He said the council will make it ADA accessible and make any necessary repairs. His board meeting is next Tuesday at 6:00pm. Terri apologized for the late rent payments due to having no invoices to pay from and reminded him that all utilities are paid by the Library.

A Shelburn resident asked about the time limit for lease. Jordan explained how all branches are library-owned except for Shelburn. Aaron said we are looking at options.

Patty Mayfield spoke.

Betty Dunford asked about Carlisle building and how it was paid for.

Tracey Drappo thanked the Board and presented student letters in support of Shelburn library.

Jennifer Strahle said her students walk to the Hymera library and asked what is going to happen to her kids. She asks for something or anything for the Hymera library. Chris and Terri explained that these choices are difficult.

A Hymera resident was at the meeting last December. The Board in the past decided not to take Hymera into the system. Currently, they pay no rent and the town pays for the water. Susan asks if they are receiving a grant.

Jordan Stowers thanked the Board for hearing from residents. She was wondering about Shelburn issues and asked for a quick summary of the issues. Jordan explained the coverage map.

IX. Adjournment

Time 6:23pm

Jo made a motion to adjourn. Katie seconded and motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: December 14, 2022

cc: Katie Springer, Attorney at Law

Board Members

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Terri Roberts, President

Susan Brooks, Board Member

Aaron Greve, Vice-President

Chris Gentry, Board Member

Jo Linda Lyttle, Treasurer

Sarah Hannon, Board Member

Katie Couch, Secretary