

Minutes of the
Liberty Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
March 26, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:04PM by Karen Kaner.

Present: Karen Kaner, Marjorie Linko, Barbara Kelly, Sherry Silver, Kathy Sauchuk, Judy Brennan

Absent: Teri Beimler, Larry Steiger

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were amended so that the Liberty Library Personnel Insurance buyout section will read, "Effective July 1, 2019, buyouts will be administered on the last day of each fiscal year and will be prorated for the number of full months for which library health insurance was declined by the employee. Should an eligible employee separate from the library before the end of the fiscal year, their buyout will be included with their final paycheck."

Motion made by Kathy to accept amended minutes of the February 26, 2109 meeting. Seconded by Karen. Unanimously approved.

Budget Hearing

Whereas, the adoption of this 2019-20 budget for the Liberty Public Library combined with anticipated debt service repayments on a bond that was approved on Aug. 9, 2016 may require a total tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by 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 Liberty Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2019-20 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on March 26, 2019.

Kathy Sauchuk made a motion to approve tax cap override resolution. Seconded by Barbara Kelly.

Vote Results:5 yes 0 no unanimously approved.

Kathy Sauchuk made a motion to accept the proposed fiscal year 2019-20 budget as presented with an operating tax levy of \$398,970 (subject to voter approval on April 9) and a total tax levy of \$496,870 which includes anticipated debt service repayments. Seconded by Barbara Kelly.

Vote Results:5 yes 0 no unanimously approved.

Librarians Report

1. April programs discussed.
2. Summer reading plans and ReadSquared Software discussed.
3. Recommendation to make juvenile and young adult items (including books, audio & video) "fine free" for trial period.
4. Bond issuance update.

Old Business

1. Deposit for the Maple Street rental has been returned.
2. S.A.L.T. plans to provide free transportation between multiple locations in Liberty and Monticello including the Liberty Library starting June 2019. The bus will loop hourly. More details to follow.

New Business

Motion made by Judy to adopt a fine free program and waive existing fines on juvenile and young adult items to include books, audio and visual materials as a trial from May 1st to Oct. 1st to be evaluated at our Sept. Board meeting. Seconded by Barbara. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report delayed until the April meeting.

Motion made by Judy to approve March bills of \$18,549.52. Seconded by Kathy. Unanimously approved.

Next Board Meetings: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 6:00PM
 Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 6:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:18PM by Karen.

Signed by: _____

Sherry Silver
Board Trustee
Liberty Public Library Board of Trustees