

FLAGG-ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
Board of Trustees - Regular Session
October 16, 2024

Trustees Present: Teresa Haggstad, Lanning Nicoloff, Kelly Johnson, Sue Sevedge.

Absent: Jackie Dickow, Sheri Klindera, Darci Waltrip.

Also Present: Sarah K. Flanagan, Library Director; Juan Martinez, Assistant Library Director.

Call to Order: At 7:02pm, Board President Teresa Haggstad called the Regular Meeting to order.

Minutes: Mrs. Haggstad requested a motion to approve the September 2024 Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Nicoloff so made the motion and Mrs. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Finances: The October 2024 Vendors' List was presented, with Rochelle Rotary's bill for \$222.50 instead of its usual amount. Otherwise, nothing remarkable about the bills. A motion was made by Mrs. Sevedge and seconded by Mr. Nicoloff to approve the Vendors' lists. Motion carried.

The Monthly Financial Report for September was presented, with the next tax settlement bringing in \$219,162.72, so the total now is \$610,125.57. Some went into a certificate of deposit at a rate of 4.25% through Central Bank Illinois, which was opened last month. The Yearly Financial Report was also presented, with all the fund balances listed at the bottom. The First Quarter FY2025 report was also shown but Quickbooks Online doesn't show the balances of our CDs or bank accounts, so for the Board's benefit, a separate sheet with all bank balances was produced and distributed.

Unfinished Business: None.

Recognition of Visitors: None.

New Business: Ordinance No. 24-2, the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, was discussed. The appropriations total comes out to be \$1,015,600.00 and the total amount to be levied set at \$723,250.00. This is a 7.81% increase from last year. The Equalized Assessment Valuation (EAV) tax computation for Ogle County last year was \$326,710,885 and this time it was \$354,062,031. Both Teresa Haggstad and Sue Sevedge signed the resolution and the passing of this Levy required a roll call vote. All present voted "Yea", motion passes.

Other: Mrs. Flanagan and Mrs. Sevedge have signed the Country Financial Insurance bonds that each will need; Sarah's at \$10,000 and Sue's at \$275,000. They're not in yet but it's done. Our antifreeze loop in the sprinkler system has been serviced by Johnson Controls and is now ready for winter. Our audit from Sikich will begin on-site during Thanksgiving week.

Librarian's Report: We had the Discover Center Planetarium here on October 14th with over 40 kids, as well as the Lightbeam Players Children's Theater that had 100 people attend. Our library hay bale theme of Mother Bruce was put up. On October 25th at 6:30 PM we will host our Outdoor Halloween Movie event, with the movie still to be determined. Oktoberfest at the Senior Center was a hit with their polka band; Senior computer class will have its last week this week. Family Reading Night in November will unveil Miss Connie's memorial mural; it should be finished before then. Fall Festival set for Saturday, October 19th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

Master Gardeners have taken seeds from our seed library and will give them to a charity in Haiti run by Ed and Anne Rice called the Three Angels Ministry, where the seeds can help their community to grow their own food, promoting our "Communities Helping Communities" theme. The Christmas Walk theme will be Snowmen At Night. Early this morning, Faten Abdallah donated a series of YA books signed by the author about a Palestinian girl. Ashley and Sarah will attend a home school group across the street to offer input on checkout times and more regarding their collection.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Nicoloff and seconded by Mrs. Sevedge to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Juan Martinez

Recording Secretary

Approved: 11/21/2024