

**DES PLAINES VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
DECEMBER 16, 2008
REGULAR BOARD MEETING @ 7:00 P.M. @ CREST HILL
AGENDA**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER

President Ron Alberico called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Ron Alberico, Gayle Crompton, Christine Siegel, and Adam Sulich. Ann Lopez arrived at 7:15 p.m. Reno Caneva and Danny Gaddis arrived at 7:25 p.m. Board members absent: None.

Staff present: Director Scott Pointon and Assistant Director Beverly Krakovec.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MINUTES

Christine Siegel moved to approve the November 18, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Gayle Crompton seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Newsletters from Prairie Area Library System, Lockport Chamber, Romeoville Chamber, and the Joliet Chamber of Commerce were available for viewing.

- Scott Pointon stated that IMRF had notified the District the economic downturn would necessitate IMRF employer contributions to be increased in the FY 2009/2010. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.
- The Romeoville State of the Village address will take place on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. The District will reserve a table for trustees and staff. Trustees were asked to contact Scott Pointon regarding their availability. Gayle Crompton and Ron Alberico stated they would definitely attend.
- Scott Pointon stated he has been in contact with Tim Schloneger, Lockport city manager, regarding the TIF district and the plans for downtown development. The downtown plan should be finalized within the next few weeks. The TIF district should be up for approval at the March 3, 2009 Lockport City Council Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer Ann Lopez, Secretary Christine Siegel read the Treasurer's Report for November 2008.

Cash on hand as of November 1, 2008 was \$2,222,509.53. Income as of November 30, 2008 was \$27,410.68. Disbursements as of November 30, 2008 were \$220,278.85. Transfers and adjustments totaled \$100,000.00 which was the transfer of the surplus from FY 2007-2008 from the Corporate Fund to the Building Reserve Fund. Cash on hand as of November 30, 2008 was \$2,029,641.36.

Christine Siegel moved to approve the November 2008 Treasurer's Report as presented, with the payment of the December 15, 2008 bills in the amount of \$63,860.28 and the December 10, 2008 payroll of \$49,272.29. Adam Sulich seconded the motion.

Roll call on the above motion indicated: Ayes— Gayle Crompton, Christine Siegel, Adam Sulich, and Ron Alberico. Nays—none. Motion carried.

Personal Property Replacement tax received to date total was \$115,050.38. The estimate to be received for FY 2008-2009 totals \$277,635.62.

2007 Levy Real Estate Distributions and interest received to date totaled \$1,767,957.52.

Total 2007 Levy Real Estate Distributions percentage received to date is 97.100%.

The current interest rates as of December 16, 2008 for money market accounts are as follows: Harris Bank – .800% and Illinois Funds – 0.500%.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The board reviewed Scott Pointon's report. In addition to the items addressed in his written report, Scott Pointon covered the following items:

- Downloadable audio-books will shortly be available through our District. Our patrons will be able to download audio-books at their convenience from any computer with an internet connection. Promotional material regarding this frequently requested service will be distributed soon.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW OF BUILDING OPTIONS

Scott Pointon presented various building options for trustee consideration. Regardless of what option(s) are chosen, the board should keep in mind four "universal truths" regarding any building proposals:

- The District should anticipate the senior citizen vote, which was negative in the November 2008 election, will continue to be so in future elections.

- The economic climate may not improve significantly, if at all, and the District will continue to be on the same ballot as the high school.
- If the District passes a building bond question(s), but does not pass an increased operating rate, we would be in danger of not opening the new facilities, or opening with much reduced hours, staff, and services.
- When the economy eventually does recover, the District's population will grow to 100,000. Currently our population is at 73,910.

The board will further study all building options at the January 20, 2009 Regular Board Meeting.

RESOLUTION #12/08-01 TO PURCHASE LAND

Ann Lopez moved the Board adopt Resolution #12/08-01—Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Des Plaines Valley Public Library District, Will County, Illinois, Regarding Purchase of Approximately 5 Acres of Vacant Unincorporated Lockport, Will County Land, Described on Exhibit A attached Hereto. Danny Gaddis seconded the motion.

Roll call on the above motion indicated: Ayes— Reno Caneva, Gayle Crompton, Danny Gaddis, Ann Lopez, Christine Siegel, Adam Sulich, and Ron Alberico. Nays—none. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Real Property Acquisition

None indicated.

LIBRARY DISTRICT BY-LAWS

The board reviewed the changes Scott Pointon had made to the By-Laws. Numerous sections were either out-of-date or inaccurate. The board thanked Scott Pointon for the much needed revisions.

Reno Caneva moved the board adopt the revised By-Laws, as presented. Christine Siegel seconded the motion.

Roll call on the above motion indicated: Ayes— Reno Caneva, Gayle Crompton, Danny Gaddis, Ann Lopez, Christine Siegel, Adam Sulich, and Ron Alberico. Nays—none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Danny Gaddis moved the board go into Executive Session for Personnel matters and requested Assistant Director Beverly Krakovec attend the Executive Session. Adam Sulich seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

The board went into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

Ann Lopez moved the board come out of Executive Session. Gayle Crompton seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Danny Gaddis moved the board go back into Regular Session. Gayle Crompton seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The board resumed Regular Session at 8:45 p.m.

Danny Gaddis moved the board open, and make public, the following Executive Session Minutes from Regular Board Meetings on: February 20, 2007, August 21, 2007, and September 16, 2008. Ann Lopez seconded the motion.

Roll call on the above motion indicated: Ayes— Reno Caneva, Gayle Crompton, Danny Gaddis, Ann Lopez, Christine Siegel, Adam Sulich, and Ron Alberico. Nays—none. Motion carried.

REVIEW BOARD MEETING/LOCATION SCHEDULE

The board considered an equitable schedule for rotating meeting sites between the District's communities of Crest Hill, Lockport, and Romeoville. It was determined to leave the current fiscal year board meeting locations in place. Fiscal year 2009/2010 will have the following board meeting location schedule: July, August, September, October to be held at the Romeoville Recreation Center; November, December, January, February at the Crest Hill Branch ; March, April, May, June at the Lockport Branch.

Scott Pointon questioned how the board would feel about reducing certain fines in an attempt to improve patron relations and increase goodwill for the library district. While the board did not object to the concept, they did want to keep reasonable fines in place to insure materials are returned in a timely manner.

Scott Pointon said he plans to meet with department heads to discuss such matters as fine amounts, procedures, and whatever means by which staff can engender a more positive, helpful, and friendly manner toward our public. Scott Pointon will bring such suggestions to the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Danny Gaddis moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Ann Lopez seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.