

**DES PLAINES VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
JANUARY 20, 2009
REGULAR BOARD MEETING @ 7:00 P.M. @ LOCKPORT
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, Danny Gaddis and Adam Sulich. Board members absent: Reno Caneva, Ann Lopez, Christine Siegel.

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

Guest present: Jerry Myrick, Joe Murphy, and Mava Zilka.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerry Myrick, President of the Friends of the Library, stated he hoped the board would ensure the District would not lose any opportunity to acquire land in Crest Hill regardless of the past referendum results. Scott Pointon stated our State representatives are still working to acquire prison land for the District in Crest Hill.

MINUTES

Danny Gaddis moved to approve the December 16, 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.

- The Lockport State of the City address will take place on Friday, February 6, 2009. Interested trustees should contact Scott Pointon regarding attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer Ann Lopez, Trustee Danny Gaddis read the Treasurer's Report for December 2008.

Cash on hand as of December 1, 2008 was \$2,029,641.36. Income as of December 31, 2008 was \$46,356.96. Disbursements as of December 31, 2008 were \$155,548.10. There

were no transfers or adjustments. Cash on hand as of December 31, 2008 was \$1,920,450.22.

Danny Gaddis moved to approve the December 2008 Treasurer's Report as presented, with the payment of the January 15, 2009 bills in the amount of \$85,850.31, the January 7, 2009 payroll of \$49,551.24, and the January 21, 2009 payroll of \$51,209.69, for a total payroll of \$100,757.93. Adam Sulich seconded the motion.

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

Personal Property Replacement tax received to date was \$142,421.06. 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 January 20, 2009 for money market accounts are as follows: Harris Bank – .506% and Illinois Funds – 0.466%.

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:

- The library district has experienced a 19% increase in circulation services as compared to last fiscal year at this time. The value of libraries in tough economic times is proven by our continued escalating usage.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW OF BUILDING OPTIONS

Scott Pointon presented updated figures from G. K. Baum consultants on various construction scenarios ranging from constructing one facility to all three. If the board decided to forego seeking an increased operating rate with the building referendum, the operation of the Romeoville facility could be accomplished, though on a very tight budget. Opening a new Crest Hill or Lockport facility without an operating rate increase would be highly improbable.

The board must present a well-reasoned plan to Lockport to convince the public a new facility in their town is both warranted and fiscally responsible. The location of the Lockport facility was a highly debated issue in the previous referendum, and must be successfully addressed in any future referendum questions.

The board considered the various options available to the District, both from the standpoint of unique community needs and the current economic climate. After careful

consideration, the board agreed that eliminating the operating rate question from the April 2009 referendum was a wise decision.

Since the public expressed considerable support for the Lockport facility to be kept in the downtown area, the board decided it would be a worthwhile endeavor for our architectural firm to develop a unique schematic plan to that end. Such a facility would have to be reduced in size, both to accommodate the smaller site and the increased costs.

Scott Pointon reviewed the benefits the District could derive from a successful TIF (tax incremental financing) district in Lockport. A TIF district captures increased local tax revenues within the district to pay for improvements within the district. TIF is designed to channel funding toward improvements in distressed or underdeveloped areas where development would not otherwise occur. Funds from such an endeavor could significantly assist the District in both acquiring property and erecting a facility. The city is currently in the initial planning phases for the creation of a TIF district.

A unique schematic design for a downtown Lockport facility will be created and presented to the public at a series of forums. The board decided it would be advantageous to seek three new facilities in the April 2009 Consolidated Election, but to forego the operating rate at that time.

The board will hold a special workshop meeting on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lockport Branch to pass the necessary ordinance and resolution to place the referendum building question on April 2009 Consolidated Election Ballot.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Real Property Acquisition
None indicated.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 01-09-01

Danny Gaddis moved the board adopt Resolution #01-09-01--Des Plaines Valley Public Library District First Midwest 403 (b) Plan. Gayle Crompton seconded the motion.

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

REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES – no action taken.

SERVING OUR PUBLIC: STANDARDS FOR ILLINOIS PUBLIC LIBRARIES

CHAPTER ONE—CORE STANDARDS

The board reviewed the core standards in question. The District complies with all library laws, policies and procedures.

ADJOURNMENT

Danny Gaddis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Adam Sulich seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.