

Harvey Public Library District's Board Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2016

Board Meeting

President Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: Mauzkie Ervin, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt, Barbara Fields
and Roberta Patterson

Absent: Tamika Price and Jerlene Harris

President Patterson made a motion to suspend the rules to move agenda item 8b. to 8a. and was seconded by Trustee Nesbitt.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mauzkie Ervin, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt, Barbara Fields
and Roberta Patterson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Tamika Price and Jerlene Harris

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Patterson made a motion to approve the previous month's minutes and was seconded by Trustee Ervin.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mauzkie Ervin, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt, Barbara Fields
and Roberta Patterson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Tamika Price and Jerlene Harris

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

President Patterson made a motion to approve the previous month's bills and was seconded by Trustee Whitaker.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mauzkie Ervin, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt, Barbara Fields and Roberta Patterson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Tamika Price and Jerlene Harris

Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Flowers announces that there's an Annual Trustee Workshop at Crete Public Library on May 14, 2016 at 9:00am-2:00pm. She asked the trustees if they would give their names if they're interested in going to this event.

Director Flowers reads comments that patrons left during National Library Week (April 10-16, 2016).

Trustee Harris joins the meeting at 6:06pm.

Trustee Harris states that she would like to present an email that she sent to President Patterson a matter of record. She states that she requested to have the information listed added to the agenda so that the public is made aware of how this library is being ran. Trustee Harris states that she never received the requested information.

President Patterson states that she never received the information that Trustee Harris said that she would drop off to her.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

As stated.

General Fund-\$119.20

Gift Account-\$5,552.71

Special Reserve Account-\$22.46

Vendor Account-\$642,782.01

Expense Account-\$27,291.82

Youth Services Account-\$4,464.36

REPORT OF LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Director Flowers states that the bulk of HPLD's money that was deposited into the IL Funds account has now been transferred over to First Merchants Bank in order to run the daily operations.

Director Flowers states that tax distributions have been transferred to the first Merchants Bank account.

Director Flowers states that HPLD was awarded the Per Capita Grant for FY 2016 in the amount of \$19,488.63. She states that over \$9.4 million is being awarded this year to the Illinois public libraries serving nearly 11.5 million patrons at a rate of \$0.7785 per resident, a reduction due to state budget cuts.

Director Flowers states that it's time to file Economic Statement of Interest.

Director Flowers reminded the trustees that if they haven't had their professional photos taken, please do so that HPLD could conclude their business with Thomas Photos.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES/COMMITTEES

A. BUILDING & GROUNDS

Trustee Whitaker states that based on walkthroughs of the library he thinks that everything is moving in a good direction and the construction looks great.

B. FINANCE

No report.

C. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Construction Project Update-FQC (John Eallonardo)

John Eallonardo updates the board on the construction project. He states that HPLD is entering the last 4-5 weeks of the construction project. John states that on the inside of the building behind the barriers, contractors are in the process of putting in carpeting, painting the walls, putting in light fixtures and installing plumbing fixtures.

John Eallonardo states that they'll need to take down the temporary wall so that they could complete the connecting areas. He states that on the outside what you can see is that they're finishing up the siding on the north side of the building, patching the existing roof, sidewalk and parking lot repairs.

John Eallonardo states that the next phase they expect to be installing furniture in the new part of the building by the first (1st) week of May. He states that they plan to take down the temporary partition then connect the flooring. John states that they will start to fill in the gaps in the flooring and ceilings. He states that this will also take place during the first week of May. John states that this is when the library's shelving, furniture, and landscaping will be complete at this time.

John Eallonardo states that the week of May 2nd is targeted for library closure because that gives the staff time to set-up the library. He states that he's open to answer any questions at this time.

After a brief discussion between John Eallonardo and the Board of Trustees it was decided that the Trustees will take a tour of the building and that Director Flowers will inform the Trustees on the date to take the tour.

President Patterson thanked John Eallonardo for coming out updating the board on the construction project and answering questions that the board had for the construction team. She also thanked him for agreeing to arrange a tour for the trustees to see the library.

B. CDBG Demolition Grant Update (Trustee Whitaker)

Trustee Whitaker states that at this time the agreement is still in the hands of HUDS legal counsel. He states that HPLD is a special case because we're the first library district to apply for funding.

Attorney Jarad states that she had spoken to Sylvia Parham (CDBG representative) and she indicated that someone from their legal counsel will be in contact with her by the end of the month. She states that if she haven't heard back from them by then she will reach out to them for an update.

C. Grand Opening Confirmation Date

President Patterson made a motion to celebrate Grand Opening date Saturday, June 4, 2016 and was seconded by Vice-President Fields.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tamika Price, Mauzkie Ervin, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt,
Barbara Fields and Roberta Patterson

Nays: Jerlene Harris

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Library Closure

Director Flowers states that as John Eallonardo of FQC explained to you that some temporary walls need to come down and a floor that needs to be carried over into the café and it cannot be walked on for a couple days. She states that at that time she and staff will be putting up stacks and arranging furniture.

Trustee Ervin made a motion to close the library from May 2, 2016 to May 9, 2016 so construction related issues can be completed and was seconded by President Patterson.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mauzkie Ervin, Jerlene Harris, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt, Barbara Fields and Roberta Patterson

Nays: Tamika Price

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

B. Selection of Bond Counsel for Post Bond Issuance Services (Action Item)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Patterson made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing “The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body” (5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1)) and was seconded by Trustee Ervin.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tamika Price, Mauzkie Ervin, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt, Barbara Fields and Roberta Patterson

Nays: Jerlene Harris

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Trustee Harris states that she believes the board is in violation of Open Meetings Act and will like to make it a matter of record.

Attorney Jarad states that under section 2c1 you may properly go into Closed Session to discuss the selection or appointment of that legal counsel for this public body-Harvey Public Library District.

The Board of Trustees went into Closed Session at 6:58pm.

The Board of Trustees are back in Open Session at 7:57pm.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mauzkie Ervin, Jerlene Harris, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt, Barbara Fields and Roberta Patterson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Tamika Price

President Patterson made a motion to table the item (selection of bond counsel for post bond issuance issues) discussed in Closed Session for at least two (2) weeks and was seconded by Trustee Nesbitt.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mauzkie Ervin, Jerlene Harris, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt, Barbara Fields and Roberta Patterson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Tamika Price

Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Remarks Limited to 3 Minutes)

Mr. Nunn states that he would like to commend the board on the great job that they have been doing. He asked, if the public will be invited to the meeting discussed in correspondence and announcements?

Director Flowers states that it's a meeting for trustees but will look into for him.

Ms. Coleman, lives in the 3rd ward and asked, who's the internet carrier for the library? She states that she was at an event in Englewood and they had Comcast that they offered to the children and also gave away computers.

Director Flowers states that HPLD have At&t and will look into what they offer.

Lemare Young, lives in the 5th ward and states that this is a lovely library but is disappointed about some of the things he's been hearing around town. He states that he voted for Trustee Harris and to hear of all the allegations that she's bringing up about the library and staff is heartbreaking. Lemare states that he have been coming to the library ever since he was a little boy and have never heard negative things about the library until Trustee Harris joined the board of trustees. He states that she's asking for staff personal information such as driver's license, social security numbers, job applications etc. Lemare states that he don't want the library to have a bad reputation. He states that he doesn't understand

what she need all of that personal information for. Lemare states that all trustees should be doing is making policies.

Trustee Harris states that those are false accusations and I am your trustee on this library board. She states that she have filed FOIA information so that people are made aware of all financial disbursements and revenue. She states that taxpayers have a public right to all information, revenue and disbursements and all those false accusations will be proven out. Trustee Harris asked, Lemare Young to repeat his name and then asked him where did he live?

Ms. Mary Seay states that she can't hear the board talk in the meetings and asked if somethings wrong with the system?

President Patterson states that they would have the city to look into that.

ADJOURNMENT

President Patterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm and was seconded by Trustee Nesbitt.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mauzkie Ervin, Jerlene Harris, William Whitaker,
JoAnn Nesbitt and Roberta Patterson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Tamika Price and Barbara Fields

Meeting Adjourned.