

**WHITE OAK LIBRARY DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 22, 2022
REGULAR BOARD MEETING @ 7:00 PM
LOCKPORT BRANCH**

CALL TO ORDER

President Deanna Amann called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Deanna Amann, Zach Binkley, Gayle Crompton, Nancy Hackett, Andrew Koroma, and Kelly Schneider. Absent—Ann Lopez-Caneva.

There was no public in attendance.

Staff present: Scott Pointon and Beverly Krakovec.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none.

MINUTES

Board members reviewed the minutes.

Nancy Hackett moved to approve the January 25, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Andrew Koroma seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – none.

TREASURER’S REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer Ann Lopez-Caneva, Gayle Crompton read the Treasurer’s Report for January 2022. Cash on hand as of January 1, 2022 was \$4,352,561.86. Income as of January 31, 2022 was \$132,354.64. Disbursements as of January 31, 2022 were \$1,930,955.55. There were no transfers or adjustments. Cash on hand as of January 31, 2022 was \$2,553,960.95..

Gayle Crompton moved the Board approve the January 2022 Treasurer’s Report as presented, with the payment of the February 15, 2022 bills of \$96,884.39, the February 4, 2022 payroll of \$111,402.21, and the February 18, 2022 payroll of \$111,212.01. Nancy Hackett seconded the motion. Roll call indicated: Ayes—Deanna Amann, Zach Binkley, Gayle Crompton, Nancy Hackett, Andrew Koroma, and Kelly Schneider. Nays—none. Motion carried.

Personal Property Replacement Tax received for FY 2021-2022 was \$301,939.43. The Lockport Township estimate for FY 2021-2022 is \$383,022.47.

2020 Levy Real Estate Distributions and Interest received to date was \$5,968,889.64. Percent received to date is 99.76%.

Additional information regarding interest rates – see PMA Investments Report.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

In addition to his written report, Scott Pointon displayed for the Board a number of recognition and congratulatory documents the District received from both local and state-wide officials commemorating our 100th anniversary.

Scott Pointon reviewed point #6 on his written report dealing with how the District plans to respond when the indoor mask mandate is lifted. We will have signs in place noting masks are recommended.

OLD BUSINESS

BUILDING UPDATES – none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Real Property – none needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel – none needed

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF VERDE ELECTRIC PROPOSAL FOR CREST HILL BRANCH

The Board reviewed the document before them. This project would complete the Crest Hill Branch’s change over to all LED fixtures. The costs of the project would be recouped in electrical savings within three years.

Kelly Schneider moved the Board approve the Verde Electric Proposal for the Crest Hill Branch and authorize payment in the amount of \$24,710.73. Nancy Hackett seconded the motion. Roll call indicated: Ayes – Deanna Amann, Zach Binkley, Gayle Crompton, Nancy Hackett, Andrew Koroma, and Kelly Schneider. Nays –none. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT FUNDING NEEDS

Scott Pointon presented to the Board a breakdown of potential staff hour increases that would be necessitated by library hour increases. The history of the District’s successful building referendum passage and our six failed attempts to pass an operating rate increase was also reviewed. A passage of an operating rate increase would enable the District to increase hours from our current 60 hours to 71 hours per week, provide significantly more outreach to our communities, and provide more virtual/streaming services to our patrons. A successful passage of an operating rate increase would allow the District to achieve our strategic plans goals. The Board praised Scott Pointon for creating the comprehensive plan put before them.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2022/02-01 TO PLACE A QUESTION ON THE 6/28/2022 BALLOT

Gayle Crompton moved the Board approve Resolution No. 2022/02-01- Resolution of the Board of Library Trustees of the White Oak Library District, Will County, Illinois, submitting a Proposition to the Voters at the General Primary Election to be held on June 28, 2022, to Increase the Limiting Rate under Illinois Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the White Oak Library District, Will County, Illinois, by: an additional amount equal to 0.0135% above the Limiting Rate for Levy Year 2020 and by equal to 0.1935% of the Equalized Assessed Value of the Taxable Property therein for Levy Year 2022. Zach Binkley seconded the motion. Roll call indicated: Ayes – Deanna Amann, Zach Binkley, Gayle Crompton, Nancy Hackett, Andrew Koroma, and Kelly Schneider. Nays –none. Motion carried.

SERVING OUR PUBLIC 3.0 – Chapter 7 – Collection Management

The Board reviewed the standards in question and determined the District is in compliance with the guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT

Gayle Crompton moved for adjournment at 7:56 pm. Kelly Schneider seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.