

**IOSCO-ARENAC DISTRICT LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**

Place: Plainfield Township Library

Date: June 8, 2023

Present: Dan Stock, Phyllis Klender, Rick Rockwell, Susan Synowiec, Jerry Brown, Sue Kingsbury, Thelma Van Brenk, Linda Eyer, Jenn Donner and Diane Bushman

Absent: None

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Rockwell called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Donner requested the addition of Item 10B. Management of East Tawas Library.

Klender moved and Brown seconded approval of the agenda, as amended. Motion carried.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND REPORTS FROM FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Chris Considine, Treasurer of the Friends of the Plainfield Township Library, and Cheryl Tyler, Plainfield Township Librarian were present. Considine said that she is a real advocate of libraries. She has been promoting HOOPLA and Libby to other patrons and wondered if digital checkouts were credited to the circulation numbers of the patron's home branch library. Donner said that all digital checkouts are totaled in a separate category and not added to the individual library's circulation numbers. Considine said that there were 138 people at the Under the Radar Michigan program. She also wanted to know what she could do to help Plainfield recover their lost millage. Kingsbury said that it would help to change their open hours to include an evening and/or Saturday so that working people and school-aged children could use the library. Kingsbury said that better hours would also allow for more programming. Tyler welcomed the Board to the Plainfield Township Library. Kingsbury reported that the first outdoor booksale for the Tawas City Library Friends is on June 10, 2023. She said that there was a good turnout for the Native American Boarding Schools program. Synowiec reported that the Friends of the Whittemore Library sponsored a gardening program in April. It was well received and everyone left with a tomato plant. She said that there are 50 people registered for the Fermented Foods program tonight and that there will be a Canning and Food Safety program on July 17, 2023. Klender reported that Gaynol Failes from the Friends of the Standish Library will be planting Michigan plants around the library. The Mini-Canvas Art contest went very well and the Friends are talking about sponsoring book bingo and a book swap.

ITEM 4. BOARD COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

Eyer moved and Synowiec seconded approval of the minutes of the May 11, 2023 Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

ITEM 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Brown moved and Klender seconded approval of the May 31, 2023 Treasurer's Report. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Brown, aye; Eyer, aye; Rockwell, aye; Synowiec, aye; Stock, aye; Kingsbury, aye; Van Brenk, aye; Klender, aye. Motion carried.

ITEM 7. RATIFICATION OF BILLS

Stock moved and Eyer seconded ratification of voucher #23-15 dated May 25, 2023 in the amount of \$20,768.11, voucher #23-16 dated June 8, 2023 in the amount of \$20,276.04, and voucher #23-17 dated June 15, 2023 in the amount of \$43,698.06. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Brown, aye; Eyer, aye; Rockwell, aye; Synowiec, aye; Stock, aye; Kingsbury, aye; Van Brenk, aye; Klender, aye. Motion carried.

ITEM 8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kingsbury asked if there are a lot of challenges on graphic novels and comics. Director Donner answered that there is an increase statewide, but not yet in our District. She wants to be proactive and develop a policy regarding book challenges. Rockwell noted the increase in circulation for the East Tawas Library. Donner said that people like the increase in evening hours at that branch.

ITEM 9. OLD BUSINESS

9A. HORIZON, MERIT, USF AND MELCAT STATUS UPDATES

Director Donner reported that Horizon is on track for their July 4th update. Cargo has been busy installing software to prepare for this update.

9B. NEW TRUSTEE – SUSAN SYNOWIEC

Rockwell welcomed new trustee Susan Synowiec from Whittemore to the Board.

9C. HEADQUARTERS LEASE RENEWAL

Director Donner said that East Tawas City Manager Brent Barringer presented a draft of a new lease with a 246% increase in rent starting in September 2023. Barringer met with Rockwell, Brown and Donner to discuss this draft lease. They asked Barringer about the possibility of purchasing the building from the City. Rockwell said that if that happens then the Board will need to meet in closed session to discuss terms. Brown asked if our committee could meet with members of the City Council. Stock asked if Barringer gave any reasons for this increase in rent. Donner replied that he said that it was to bring the rent up to market value. Donner said that she talked to City Council Member Blinda Baker. Baker said that the City budget did not show an increase in our rent for the next year and that the Council did not know anything about this increase. Rockwell suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to negotiate with the City.

Klender moved and Eyer seconded to appoint Rockwell, Brown and Synowiec to an ad hoc committee authorized to discuss options with a committee of the City of East Tawas consisting of the City Manager and some Council Members and to report the results back to the Board. Motion carried.

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

10A. SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings were scheduled as follows:

Millage ad hoc Committee on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 10:30 am at Headquarters.

Personnel/Policy Committee on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 3:30 pm at the Tawas City Library.

Budget Committee on Thursday, July 13, 2023 after the Board meeting at the Tawas City Library.

10B. MANAGEMENT OF THE EAST TAWAS LIBRARY

Director Donner said that East Tawas City Manager Brent Barringer suggested that the District take over the management of the East Tawas Library. Klender asked if Barringer gave a reason for wanting this change. Donner said that Barringer thinks that the District is better aligned to manage the library. Discussion tabled.

ITEM 11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Add: East Tawas Library Management
Headquarters Lease Report

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Rockwell adjourned the meeting at 5:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Bushman
Recording Secretary