

Bethlehem Public Library Trustee Minutes – August 9th, 2021

Members Present: Doug Harman, Sara Plumley, Tana LeClair, Lisa Ffrench, Barbara Szeidler, and Len Grubbs; Nora Clark attended virtually.

Librarian Present: Laura Clerkin

Meeting Commenced at 7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Barbara to accept the minutes as written, with Len seconding; the decision passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The budget is still favorable by about \$3,300; Len indicated that it is actually favorable by \$5,600. This is due to an expected reimbursement from the state of \$2,961, thanks to the first round of the American Rescue Plan Act grant.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

Committees

HR - HR met with Laura to discuss potential candidates for the open library positions; some edits were made to the list of job requirements for each position. Laura has interviewed a couple of candidates.

Finance – Len mentioned that the September meeting will need to discuss budget parameters.

Buildings and Grounds – Nothing to report.

Technology – Nothing to report.

Bylaws and Policies – Nothing to report.

Public Input

This month's meeting was attended by David van Houten and Josiah Chamberlain, both representing the town's energy commission. The goal of

the energy commission is to get all town services buildings converted to solar energy. The commission has been working hard, and between grants and community support, they feel that they are financially sound.

They wanted to discuss the possibility of utilizing the library roof and back wooded lot as options for solar panel and field locations. Other viable locations include the highway department and fields by the ball field. Using roofs in town cuts down on the need for land (solar fields), and the life span of a panel is expected to be around twenty years.

A motion was made by Len to have the energy commission go forward with their plans, with the library as a tentative location. The motion was seconded by Sara and passed unanimously.

Librarian's Report

Elaine submitted a letter of resignation; Laura accepted the resignation.

Lisa Stolte has been hired as the library's extra clerk; she starts work on Tuesday, August 10th, 2021.

Laura signed a propane contract, locking in an excellent price of \$1.89.

The Children's House Montessori (closed permanently) emailed Laura with a donation of \$3,496.51. A motion was made by Len to accept the donation; this was seconded by Barbara and passed unanimously.

Len made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm, which was seconded by Sara and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Tana