

**Bridgman Public Library  
Board Minutes  
August 23, 2022 - 9:00 A.M.**

**Meeting Called to Order:** 9:02 A.M. by Valauskas

**Board Members:**

- **Present:** Valauskas, Kole, Fuller, Collins, Wilk
  
- **Excused:** Bogue, Janoskey, Noll, Worcester

**Staff:** Abele

**Agenda Revisions:** Motion made by Kole to add 'Facilities Improvements' to action items. Motion seconded by Wilk. Motion carried.

**Guests:** J. Bernstein (Friends of the Library)

**Public Comments:** None

**Friends of the Library (FoBPL):**

- Free erasers and stickers were distributed to kids at the 'Christmas in July' Open Air Market on Sunday, July 31.
  
- The library millage passed with over 77% of voters approving the proposal.
  
- The FoBPL will fund the purchase of one book for every 1<sup>st</sup> grader at Bridgman Public Schools. They have also purchased a shelving unit to display more DVDs in the library.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Facilities Committee:**
  - Wilk highlighted outstanding items on the Facility Repairs and Maintenance document created by Bogue.
  
- **Finance/Personnel and Policy Committee:**
  - The board entered into a closed session to discuss confidential personnel matters.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Motion made by Wilk to accept the July 26, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Collins. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report/Financial Reports:** None

**Discussion Items:**

- **Transition to new director:** Sarah Skinner will begin her appointment as the new library director on September 1, 2022. A welcome event will be planned soon for the general public to meet Sarah.

**Action Items:**

- **Approval of Bills:** Motion made by Kole to approve payment of July 2022 bills totaling \$55,204.76. Motion seconded by Fuller. Motion carried.
- **Facilities Improvements:**
  - Motion made by Wilk to approve \$8,300.00 for Arcadia Gardens to do fall landscaping clean up (\$2,520.00) and year around landscaping maintenance without lawn mowing services (\$5,780.00). And to defer upgrading the analog security cameras (\$4,658.00) to a later date. Motion seconded by Collins. Motion passed.

**Communications and Correspondence:** Valauskas mentioned that 42 people attended the Bridgman Convention and Red Raid program on August 18, and 17 people attended the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Red Raid Speakeasy Party on August 22.

Fuller thanked members of the board for going above and beyond and taking on various responsibilities over the last few months as the library was seeking a new director.

**Meeting adjourned:** 10:31 A.M.

**Next meeting:** September 27, 2022, 9:00 A.M. at the library.

**Submitted by**

Ed Valauskas,

Approved by the Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 27, 2022