

MINUTES
INDIAN TRAILS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
355 SCHOENBECK ROAD, WHEELING, ILLINOIS 60090
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
7:00 p.m. - Lake Room

CALL TO ORDER

President Barnett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

On the roll call, the following trustees were present:

Present: Vicki Baba, Louise Barnett, John Chu (arrived at 7:01 p.m.), Henry Hackney Jr. (arrived at 7:17 p.m.), Erin Hauck and Don Roalkvam

Absent: Andrew Sitshela

Also present were:

Staff: Executive Director Brian Shepard, Deputy Director Ryann Uden, and Robyn Franklin

Guests: Frankie Hauck, Brian Hauck, Caitlyn Keenan, Mary Moodhe

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Library Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered after all other regular Agenda items.

APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee Roalkvam and seconded by Trustee Hauck to approve the Consent Agenda items.

On the voice vote all were in favor and the motion carried.

COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Board reviewed and commented on the various reports. Discussion was held and questions were answered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frankie Hauck (11) discussed the green roof garden that can be seen from the second-floor window of the library. She suggested the area could be used as a community garden with the food grown going to a local food pantry.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Local Government Efficiency Committee

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Deputy Director Uden discussed that the state of Illinois passed Public Act 102-1088 (Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act) requiring governmental units that levy taxes to form a committee with the purpose of examining local government efficiencies and reporting their findings to the County Board. ITPLD would be required under this act to create such a committee. Trustees discussed next steps in the process and a timeline.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Trustee Chu presented the financial reports. The funds were in balance with a total of \$9,916,095.51 at the end of March, 2023 in the various accounts. The reports were discussed, and questions were answered.

TREASURER’S WARRANT #887

After reviewing selected invoices, Trustee Chu made a motion to **Approve Warrant #887 for \$785,565.99**. Trustee Baba seconded the motion.

On the roll call vote was:

AYES: 6: Baba, Barnett, Chu, Hackney, Hauck and Roalkvam

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1: Sitsshela

There being 6 affirmative votes, the motion passed.

PRESIDENT’S DISCUSSION

President Barnett mentioned the upcoming “Right to Read” day next month.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S DISCUSSION

Executive Director Shepard mentioned the following:

- A local book group heard about the book banning trend nationwide and asked staff to come and speak at their group to discuss how they can support the library. Material Services Manager, Matt Teske, will be attending
- The Youth Services sensory pathway and sensory mural were discussed with an installation planned in May 2023.
- The branch renovation has been delayed due to some items not arriving when anticipated. The project will begin on May 1st and the branch will be closed for approximately 2 weeks.
- As part of staff monthly reports staff members compile a list of potential future projects from members or staff members’ own ideas. Some items that are being considered are reusable bags for members to check out to carry their materials. We have already ordered 500 bags. In addition, staff are looking into options for adding a coffee machine in the café area.
- The theme for Summer Library Adventure this year will be “Join Us at the Table”.
- Trustees were asked to fill out an EDIA (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility) survey that was sent out to staff.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Hackney to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Roalkvam seconded the motion.

On the voice vote all were in favor and the motion carried.

President Barnett adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.