

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
September 11, 2023
Minutes

Public Hearing for 2024 Budget

President Chuck Behrens called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Also present were Amber Brown, Linda Fahrenbach, Barb Hillger, Judy Johnson, Barney Lewis, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbara Darnell, and board assistant Kathy Bowen.

Amber motioned to open the Public Hearing with a second from Barb. Vote 6-0

There was no public in attendance. The public hearing was closed at 6:04, with a motion from Barney, and a second from Judy. Vote 6-0

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Judy moved to approve the agenda with a second by Linda. Vote 6-0

Barb moved to approve the August Secretary's report with additional claims presented by Barbara Darnell. Barney seconded. Vote 6-0

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for August, 2023 were \$26,467.34. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$56,871.16. August's ending cash balance was \$1,116,352.60 with investments of \$275,337.16. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,391,739.76.

Barb moved to approve the Register of Claims with a second by Barney. Vote 6-0

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – The museum will be open during the Festival on Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 12-4. The Little Blue Train will operate 2-4. Karen has been covering the last few Saturdays for the season. An applicant for Museum Coordinator will be interviewed later this week.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Festival of the Turning Leaves – There has been a request for \$200 for the Circle City Sidewalk Stompers performance on Saturday at 3:30 on the street in front of the museum. Amber moved to approve the expense with a second from Barb. Vote 6-0

Director's Report

Bond project - Christine is waiting to hear back from the Commissioners regarding the ARPA funds. I will write letters to those who participated in our strategic planning process requesting their support.

Imagination Library – Christine has submitted paperwork and hopes to launch the program late 2023 or January 2024.

Eclipse 2024 – Dan McGlaun will present a public program about Eclipses on October 10 at the library. I will also invite the parks department, local businesses and public safety folks for Q&A after receiving confirmation regarding program content. We still want to partner with parks for programming opportunities in April. There is an Annular eclipse on Saturday, October 14. I recommend moving the April 2024 board meeting to Tuesday, April 9.

Personnel – I will begin looking for someone Barb Darnell can train as back-up and future bookkeeper. If no one comes to mind we can post the opportunity.

HVAC update – We are waiting on another actuator for the fire damper.

The fountain sandblasting, repair, and painting will begin the week after Festival.

The book sale set up will be Thursday, September 21 at noon. Furniture moving will take place on Friday, September 22 in preparation for carpet cleaning Saturday, September 23.

Transits – the Pillow Express contract (new courier) was ended a few weeks ago. Service is returning to NOW courier, but it will take a while to return to normal.

Amber motioned to adjourn the September board meeting with a second by Barb at 6:47 p.m. Vote 6-0.

Linda Fahrenbach, Secretary