

HAZARD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 17, 2014 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Ken Knight (president), Jay Ardai (treasurer), Denise Littlejohn, Amy Emerson, Kathy Bailey, Kris Minster, and Rachel Karn (secretary). Lisa Semenza was present.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of February, 2014. (Denise Littlejohn/Jay Ardai, all in favor).

On March 5, 2014, an emergency meeting was held in regards to the Library Proposition to ask for an increase in funding.

The following Resolution was voted on and approved.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, the adoption of the 2014 budget for the Hazard Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in the General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas; General Municipal Law Section 3-c permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Hazard Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2014 by at least sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on March 5, 2014.

Vote: 4 In Favor
2 Opposed
0 Abstentions

Library Proposition: The trustees of the Hazard Library are seeking a \$6,000 budget increase; the total \$6,000 would balance revenue losses due to the elimination of county funding and would secure funds for maintaining library property and materials for our library. The annual library tax levy would increase from \$58,650 to \$70,650 to per year for support of both libraries' operations. The school district has a legal obligation to put this proposition before the voters when an increase is requested. It is separate from the school's budget proposition. If not approved by the voters, the amount raised would remain at the current annual level of \$58,650. It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt a resolution for the following proposition to be placed on the May 20, 2014 ballot.

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education for the Southern Cayuga Central School District is hereby authorized to raise the tax levy form \$58,650 to \$70,650 for the support and operation of the Aurora Free Library and the Hazard Library. If not approved by the voters, the amount raised will remain at the current annual level of \$58,650.

At a meeting of Hazard Library on March 5, 2014, the board of directors of Hazard voted to adopt the resolution.

Motion carried: Yes—4 No—2

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Lisa attend the Falcon's meeting. The Community Read is "In My Hands" by Irene Gut Opdyke. A discussion will be held on May 7, 2014 at 7pm at Emily Howland Elementary School Library. The planning for the Summer Reading Program is underway. Again, this year, Hazard Library, will work in conjunction with Aurora Free Library and Southern Cayuga Central School to encourage and support reading throughout the summer with activities and incentives. In addition to the usual programming, a new feature, Projects on the Porch, will be tried, and will run throughout the summer months.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jay presented the Treasurer's Report.

MOTION: To accept the amended budget for 2014, pending voter approval of the request for increased funding (\$6,000) proposed for the May 20, 2014 vote; if the increase in funding is not approved, the budget will revert to the one previously voted on and accepted. (Kathy Bailey/Denise Littlejohn, all in favor)

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report (Kathy Bailey/Amy Emerson, all in favor).

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board is continuing the review/update process for all Board Trustees' responsibilities and job descriptions.

Current update on the Friends Campaign; the tally for 2104 so far is \$3850, with a total of \$5800, for the campaign.

New Board Member recommendations: Ron Buxenbaum, Kathleen Button, and Dan Thayer.

The maple tree on Library property has been losing limbs.

MOTION: To verify that the tree is on Library property, and if it is, to accept Jeff Lapman's bid, have the tree taken down, the stump removed, and replace with a new maple tree. (Kathy Bailey/Amy Emerson, all in favor)

MOTION: To accept the President's responsibilities/job description as written (Denise Littlejohn/Kathy Bailey, all in favor).

NEW BUSINESS:

The Annual Meeting will be held on April 9, 2014 at 7pm at The Friends Meetinghouse.

A meeting with Keith Batman will be held on March 20th, 7pm AFL. Ken will be attending.

A free standing exterior book drop was discussed, such as an old mailbox, post box.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm (Kathy Bailey/Jay Ardai, all in favor).