

HAZARD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 17, 2014 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:21 p.m. Present were Rachel Karn (President), Amy Emerson (Treasurer), Lisa Semenza (Library Director), Ron Buxenbaum, Denise Littlejohn, Kris Minster, Kathy Button and Kathy Bailey (Secretary). Dan Thayer was excused.

MOTION: To approve November's minutes as written (K. Button/Kris), all in favor.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Lisa reported on a very successful Veteran's Day celebration at the library. She also attended a meeting of the SCCS Literacy Committee. Lisa has made changes to our overdue policies, as approved at an earlier meeting, and has posted a sign directing that book donations be left on the porch when our Emily Howland site is snowed in. Ron will purchase 6 folding tables for our book sorters to use in the basement when necessary.

FLLS will be relocating to their new office space in January. Interlibrary loans will be suspended during the move. FLLS is still working toward the goal of a common card for all system libraries. They would like all member libraries to replace 1 computer each year. Lisa suggests that we currently have more public computers than we need, and that space could be put to better use.

Lisa requested that the board look into installing some type of water heater for the library. We currently have only cold water.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Amy reported receiving a check from the school district, as well as modest income from fines and donations. She has been trying to get us up to date on payments to our accountant, as well as dealing with the NYS insurance fund. She believes we are still overpaying due to errors on their end.

Amy presented her proposed budget for 2015. We are currently spending more than our income by about \$5,000, and do not expect to receive state or county funding this year.

MOTION: Whereas, the adoption of the 2015 budget for the Hazard Library Association may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly 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 Association voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2015 by at least sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law. Moved and seconded (K. Button/Amy), all in favor.

MOTION: To raise the salaries of our library's director and her assistant by 4%. (Ron/Kris), all in favor.

MOTION: To approve Treasurer's report (Denise/Kris), all in favor.

MOTION: To request an increase of \$6,000 to our annual tax levy from the voters of our school district in order to balance our budget. (Kris/Ron), all in favor.

MOTION: To approve the 2015 Budget as proposed by our Treasurer (K.Button/Kris), all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Jan. 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.