

BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 16, 2023 7:00 PM

A Public Hearing was held before the regular Board Meeting to discuss **Ordinance #94 Providing for Budget and Appropriations for the Beecher Public Library District, Will County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year beginning, July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.**

President Biery explained that this annual Public Hearing is required by law and serves as a reminder for the board of its importance and purpose.

The regular meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL

Biery, present **Czarnecki**, present **Kerber**, present **Saller**, present **Stamper**, present **Wehling**, present.

Jill Grosso & Vicki Squier were also present.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

*Shirley announced that the Annual **Budget and Appropriations Ordinance #94** has been completed. Board will vote to approve in New Business.

*The Beecher School District's reaction to Racial Harrassment.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Regular & Executive Minutes from July 18, 2023 were reviewed. Following review, Stamper moved to accept both minutes as presented, seconded by Saller.

Biery, yes **Czarnecki**, yes **Kerber**, abstain **Saller**, yes **Stamper**, yes, **Wehling**, yes. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Michelle presented the Treasurer's report & Financial recap. Following review, Czarnecki moved to approve the Treasurers report, seconded by Saller .

Biery, yes **Czarnecki**, yes **Kerber**, yes **Saller**, yes **Stamper**, yes **Wehling**, yes. Motion passed.

The Outstanding Bills were reviewed & updated. Following review, Czarnecki moved to approve payment of current Outstanding bills with additions (\$18,889.32), seconded by Wehling.

Biery, yes Czarnecki, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes Stamper, yes Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

Shirley gave a summary of the Budget Comparison for July, the first of the new Fiscal year.

The Final Budget was also discussed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Total Physical Checkouts for July, 1,988,.
- The Kids Programs: **Children's Storytime**, held outdoors for summer, 50. **Homemade Ice-Cream** program, 42 children attended on a hot July day. **Mini Bottle Rockets** had 23 attendees; **Graphic Novel Book Club**, 5. There will be **Pumpkin Decorating** contest again in the Fall.
- Adult Programs:
 - **39** attended Emily Palmisano's **Study Abroad Travelogue**. **22** adults & children attended **Chess Night**.
 - Upcoming: Sun. Sept.24th, **Leslie Goddard as Amelia Earhart**.
 - The **Summer Reading Program** was a great success: 179 children,113 adults signed up.
 - **Newsletter** size, paper color & price were discussed. Staying with the present choice was decided.
 - Jill presented several ideas for future adult programs. **John LeGear on Holiday Movie Music** was among many interesting choices presented.
 - Kids **Zombie Painting** program was proposed by Jill & briefly discussed.
 - Patrons requested a Board Game night. Combining Board Games with the Chess Night seems feasible.
 - Jennie served on Jury Duty for 3 full days & was paid \$240. Following a short discussion, the board agreed she should keep her pay. Jennie also submitted a list of items to purchase for Storytime. Budget allows for this.
 - Lastly, Jill presented her monthly Progress report. At the monthly Staff meeting, Jill passed out forms for continuing education (online) & in-person events in August & September. Board encourages staff to take advantage of this opportunity, as we have an Education Budget just for that.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Shirley shared copies of the letter she sent to Jennifer Bunte, accepting her resignation & more.

- A letter of reply to Dan Waterman, **Beecher Part-Time Players**. The letter gives permission, terms & details for using the library parking lot during performances & practices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building/Grounds: Rick will give his report in New Business.

Housekeeping: Cleaning crew is running efficiently.

Landscaping. Lance cut the low hanging branch behind the building.

Schools: none .

Social: Beverly has no news.

General: Shirley will report in New Business.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kerber moved to adopt **Ordinance #94 Providing for Budget and Appropriations for the Beecher Public Library District, Will County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024**, seconded by Czarnecki.

Biery, yes Czarnecki, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes Stamper, yes Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

Saller moved to approve the Final Budget, seconded by Stamper.

Biery, yes Czarnecki, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes, Stamper, yes Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

Shirley & Jill shared that they worked together for 3 mornings, preparing the Proposed Budget for the coming year. They created a new format, streamlining it for easier access. Board members were given a copy. Following discussion, Stamper moved to approve the Proposed Budget for July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, seconded by Kerber.

Biery, yes Czarnecki, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes, Stamper, yes Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

Shirley shared a summary of the various Insurance policies held by the Beecher Community Library. The board read along with her as she explained the necessity of each individual policy, There are 8 in total. Yearly cost, 21,807.27.

Rick presented the results of his extensive research concerning our outdated HVAC system, specifically the age & condition of our AC units. With Mert's assistance Rick created a handout outlining the results of Mert's assessment & listing our options & costs. All options were detailed and prioritized.

Following a discussion, Kerber moved that we replace the AC unit on the East side of the building with a 5 ton unit \$13,589.23 with warranty, seconded by Wehling.

Biery, yes Czarnecki, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes, Stamper, yes Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

Kerber moved that we have Mert's repair 2 units, seconded by Czarnecki.

Biery, yes Czarnecki, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes, Stamper, yes Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

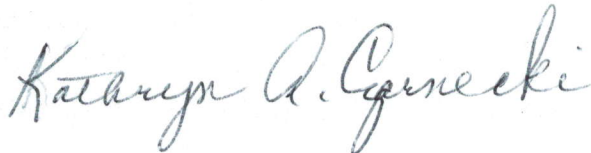
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7 p.m

Biery moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Saller.

Biery, yes Czarnecki, yes Kerber, yes Saller, yes, Stamper, yes Wehling, yes. Motion passed.

Kathryn A. Czarnecki



Secretary