

BEECHER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2022 7:00 PM

The regular meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL

Biery, present **Bunte**, absent **Czarnecki**, absent **Kerber**, absent **Saller**,
present **Stamper**, present **Wehling**, present.
Jill Grosso and Vicki Squier were also present.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: None

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes from the August 16, 2022 regular meeting monthly were reviewed.
Following review & noting corrections Kerber moved to accept minutes as
presented, seconded by Wehling.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Stamper presented a summary of the Treasurer's report & Financial recap.
Following board review, Biery moved approve the Treasurers report,
seconded by Czarnecki.

Biery, yes **Bunte**, absent **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 Outstanding bills with additions
totaling \$32,684.82 pending new additions, seconded by Stamper.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Statistics were good in August. Shirley asked Jill to break down the stats
into categories going forward. **Media On Demand** continues to do very
well, 407; **HOOPLA**, 39, **Tumblebooks**, 3.

- Jill's Health Insurance rate will increase in 2023, up \$88.59 monthly
(from \$898.13 to \$986.72).

- Jill needs to buy a toner cartridge for the copy machine, \$249.
- Jill presented her monthly activity report. Michelle will be working with her researching new items for the collection.
- Jill will be on Jury Duty beginning Oct.1. Schedule is being adjusted.
- \$1,000 has been allocated in Budget for ATLAS workshops.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Village Administrator, Bob Barber, concerning plans for the BEECHER HOLIDAY EVENTS, 2022. Village Trustee, Ben Juzeszyn is heading the committee. The Committee will be coordinating activities in a meeting on October 4th at the Village Hall. The Library District is invited to participate. The board will consider options & share ideas next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Grounds: Rick has been vigilant about watering outside & it looks wonderful but grass seed is needed in places.

Housekeeping: Kathy reports the cleaning crew is doing a great job.

Landscaping: Michelle reports the outside is looking neat.

Schools: No news.

Social: Beverly will host next week's program & serve refreshments..

General: Shirley shared that we received \$10,013.78 Per Capita Grant. Clint Squier from **First Community Bank** will attend the October meeting to share some ideas for earning more money than the current CETERA account offers.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Staff member, Betty McCann attended the meeting and was pleased to see first-hand the board in action. Betty stated that she learned a lot & was glad she attended.

OLD BUSINESS

Rick gave a summary of where we stand with the ongoing issue of the erratic **April-Aire** Humidifier System. Rick had met here in late August with Eric from **MERTS Heating & Air-Conditioning** & Mr. Jennings of **Jennings Electric**, Rick presented Project Summaries, including **proposals**, (not a contract), from both companies at the August meeting. Due to the urgency of the matter, the board made a motion to hire both companies for the job. Much of the work is underway. Jennings has begun their work &

urgency of the matter, the board made a motion to hire both companies for the job. Much of the work is underway. Jennings has begun their work & Eric has cleaned off the contacts on the thermostats (which are all ok) and is set to complete the job.

Kerber moved to approve 2 Steam Humidifiers, installed, labor included in the amount of \$7,330.62, seconded by Biery.

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

Kerber moved to approve Maintenance/Service Plan for 2 seasonal visits in the amount of \$1,350.00, seconded by Czarnecki.

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

Kerber moved to approve the Electric work by Jennings Electric required for installation of Mertz Equipment, for \$2,350.00 plus license & permit, seconded by Saller.

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

Vicki asked that we inform her when the checks are cut so that she can enter it in the books.

NEW BUSINESS *that we vote on in October,*
Wehling moved to ~~adopt~~ ⁹² **ORDINANCE #90, ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ASSESSING TAXES OF BEECHER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.**

seconded by Stamper.

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

-Jill announced that there are two Trustees up for election in April: Kathryn A. Czarnecki & Lance Saller. Jill will have the Paperwork/Petitions available for them.

- Jill shared with the board the popularity of HOT SPOTS, which are helpful to those who have poor or no Wi-Fi access. She proposed using the

Saller moved to purchase HOT SPOTS w/grant money, seconded by Stamper.

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

The board discussed ideas for the Holiday Christmas plans. Good ideas were floated. More discussion to follow next month.

Saller moved to go into executive session at 8:00 to discuss Property Purchase, seconded by Kerber.

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

Board returned to regular session at 8:15 pm

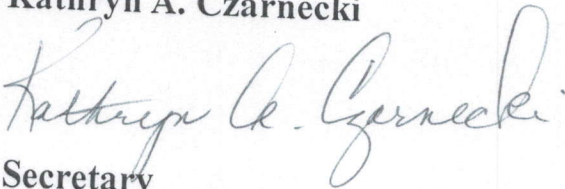
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Regular Board Meeting, October 18, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Czarnecki moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m., seconded by Kerber.

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

Kathryn A. Czarnecki



Secretary