

Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, November 11, 2024

The meeting was held at Opendore.

PRESENT: Nancy Hart, Pat Berry, Bess Simkin, Sonjia Turner, Kathie Garnsey, and Lisa Semenza. Patricia Covert, Betsy Donald, and Connie Rejman attended via Zoom.

EXCUSED:

President Nancy Hart called the meeting to order at 6:43 P.M.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Bess and seconded by Kathie to accept the September minutes as corrected, changing the name of the 11/7 meeting as a meeting of architect, library, and Opendore. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Patricia changed the .75% interest CD to a 13 month that yields 3.39%.
- Received \$61,825 from Tax Levy Funding
- Capital Group Investment made ~5k this quarter (current total: \$95, 213).
- A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Betsy to approve the treasurer's report. Carried.

Items to Discuss:

Maintenance requests

- Tree and hedge trimming needed before snow arrives. Nancy and Betsy volunteered to help with this.

Annual Appeal Letter

- All approved the annual appeal letter.

Garden Club:

The Garden Club would like to put some pots on the library porch.

OLD BUSINESS:

Opendore Build Update:

- 11/14 Building Meeting
- Review of Construction Project Budget

Trustee Training Requirements:

- Trustees must complete two hours of training annually, in addition to sexual harassment training. Trustee training in the form of Trustee Handbook Book Club can be found at <https://midhudson.org/trusteebookclub/>. Sexual harassment training can be found on FLLS website: <https://www.flls.org/hr/>

FLLS Annual Meeting

- Sonjia, Lisa, Nancy and Pat attended. The focus was Human Relations. Sarah emailed trustees the slides from the presentation, as well as voting leave notice information.

Doug's Fish Fry:

- We will look at dates in April.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adopt Tax Cap Resolution:

TAX CAP OVERRIDE: RESOLUTION Whereas, the adoption of the 2025 budget for the Hazard Library Association may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed 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 2025 by at least sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law.

Dated: November 11, 2024, Nancy presented the resolution.

Vote: Unanimous, 8 in favor; 0 opposed, 0 absentions

Purchase New Mic for Zoom: All in favor of the purchase.

Budget Planning : Lisa and Patricia will work on this.

Finding New Board Members: Bess will ask Trudy Buxenbaum if she would like to join.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting: Monday, December 9 at 6:30 PM at Opendore.

Adjourned at 7:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sonjia Turner