

## Minutes January 5, 2016

Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library

Library Board of Trustees Meeting – Joint Meeting with Town of Three Lakes Supervisors

Trustee Attendance: Dianna Blicharz, Steve Garbowicz, Paul Kaiser, Catherine Marshall, Kathleen Olkowski, Vicki Reuling

Town Board Supervisors attendance: Steve Garbowicz, Dr. Bill Martineau, Ed Starke, Pat Volk, Stella Westfall.

Absent: Laura Wiperman

Other Attendees: Erica Brewster (Library), Sue Harris (Town)

Vicki Reuling called the Library Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **Agenda:**

Motion by Catherine Marshall, seconded by Paul Kaiser, to approve the agenda in any order. All ayes, motion carried.

### **Discuss Joint Town Complex:**

**Building Material Alternatives:** Ed Starke (T) has requested of the board to get a price comparison/design plans for steel or block. Vicki Reuling (L) requested clarification for the term of “design concept,” and how the process would be for getting those comparisons. Stella Westfall (T) raised a concern regarding additional costs of approaching a different firm; suggested going back to Becher-Hoppe. Discussion of connection to the existing library structure, etc., followed.

**Alternative Concepts:** The Town Board had received a concept proposal from private citizen Gary Williams for a campus-style approach to the design. Discussion followed between Library Board and Town Supervisors that that would lose the opportunities for shared resources (bathrooms) and whether that would be cost prohibitive, property ownership challenges, etc.

Dr. Bill Martineau (T) raised the question to the Library Board whether the Library Board is happy with the design. Library Board responded that the interior design is simpler and more straightforward for the library as there are fewer purposes need to be addressed.

Alternatives regarding final plan if additional public funding is not available for library: library board gave the example of the new \$25,000 in funds raised with a matching grant in December, but made the point that additional funds raised might cover the increased annual contingency costs.

**Elector approval:** Discussion of the method of putting the question to the voters, specifically through referendum, and whether it would be presented as one single question or two separate questions, library/town. Agreed that a binding referendum with one question will be less confusing to the elector and most clearly instructive to the respective boards.

Proposed time frame: Proposed date: August 2016. Reasoning: 1) must announce the referendum question 70 days prior to the vote. 2) The primary for the fall election will be held August 9, 2016. 3) An August election would also offer summer non-voting residents to have the opportunity to have real-time input.

**Next steps:** What steps must be taken prior to May? Draft a referendum question to be presented to board by April, including language such as, “spending not to exceed” to take into account possible changes in engineering and design.

### **Public Comment:**

Will the town be considering the opportunity cost? I.e., if we don't do this, what will the cost be to the town?

Motion by Kathleen Olkowski, seconded by Paul Kaiser, to adjourn the Library Board meeting. All ayes. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Erica Brewster, Director