

Willington Public Library
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
MARCH 14, 2022

Roll Call:

Present: Elena Testa, Kathy Ryan, , Joan Taraskiewicz, Rebecca Cartabiano Joy Wrona, KarenAnn Caldwell, Hope Gove and Debra Linares (co- directors)

Call to order: 7:22 p.m.

A quorum was established

Communication: *KarenAnn and Hope met with Erika Wieceński, Willington First Selectwoman. The topic of discussion was the parking lot and the snow plowing issues. Erika said that the Willington Public Library Board did not handle this topic well in their last board meeting. The bottom line is: the broken curbing will be fixed in the spring and there will continue to be a problem with salt spray on the garden. Erika said that using the salt is a matter of safety and that safety is the first consideration for the Department of Public Works.*

Minutes: The minutes for February 14, 2022 could not be discussed because Joan (the secretary) forgot to send them once they were typed. Joan apologized for her mistake.

Treasurer's Report:

February Revenues = \$607.49

February Expenses = 13,649.64

Ending Balance for this Fiscal Year = 110,109.87

*Notable Revenues were Patron fees = \$260.00
Building Use = \$230.00*

*Largest Expenses were Propane = \$1864.60
Electricity = \$1040.4*

The negative balance for building maintenance (\$1457.48) reflected the deposit of an insurance claim check for the damaged light post.

Director's Report:

- 1. The electrician was able to plug the hole through which water would sometimes leak into the basement. Eversource said that they are not responsible for the pathway from the transformer into the building. Their responsibility is from the transformer to the street.*
- 2. The Directors suggested that we continue to use ZOOM for our meetings, but we need to have an account for our own use without having to rely on the town's ZOOM site.*

3. The Board Basics class that had to be cancelled in February will be rescheduled, hopefully soon.
4. The library will be celebrating its 100th Birthday in 2023. Now is the time to start planning.

Nominations: *Elena Testa nominated Joy Wrona for the position of Vice Chairman of the Willington Public Library Board. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Building Issues:

1. **Conexo** has not sent us any information or an estimate for repairs to the building envelope.
2. There is a need for an emergency exit for the library offices. Erika Wiecewski said she would talk with Dick Palmer about this problem.
3. Joan raised a concern about the heating system. It was very cold in the lower level during the monthly movie in February. Debbie Linares said that she is aware of this and that the directors are working on solving the problem.

Present to Speak:

Nobody requested to speak.

Adjournment:

Karen Caldwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Joy Wrona seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted:
JoAnne Taraskiewicz
Secretary*

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