

Franklin Grove Public Library

Regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance- Trustees: Patti Forrester, Geri Twardowski, Susie Murphy, Marilyn Spangler, Barb Simpson, Ruth Newcomer,

Absent-Director - Jeff Munson. Trustee - Leigh Delhotal

Public comments – Visitors – Ron Miller, Shantel Schafer

Shantel distributed a copy of the Intergovernmental Agreement dated May 2001, which was 3 year agreement with the village and library. Currently the FG Village handles payroll for the library. One of the concerns the village has is for circular funds or money laundering as funds are transferred from library to village and back again to the library. If the village goes alone the village will have a better chance of applying for grants and would have retirement funds possibly available to offer to fulltime village employees. The library already has it's own tax id. If the library and village become separate entities the library could choose to expand service boundaries. To move forward with separation a petition would need to be filed with the Court to separate library and village.

Proposed territory would have to have a majority vote to pass. The vote cast within the municipalities shall be counted together, and the votes cast outside of the municipalities shall be counted together. The proposed territory includes a township having its own tax supported library and the question of establishment carries in all areas as provided in paragraph (2), the township votes on the question shall also be counted separately, and if the votes cast within the township with its own tax support library are against establishment, then the dissenting township shall be excluded from the territory of the district.

This will be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.

Consent Agenda: Marilyn Spangler motioned to accept as presented. Motion 2nd and accepted as presented.

Secretary's report, Director's report

Treasurer's report filed for Audit- March

Unfinished business

A. Masks – The library has been following the Lee County Health Department guidelines. Patrons have been wearing masks upon entering.

B. Art Show – Big Rig show will be held on August 7th. The Park board also discussing having activities at this same date. Do we want to hold art show at this same time or do we want to wait until a later time? After discussion the Art Show will be held on August 6th and 7th.

C. Memorial Planters – Jeff getting information.

D. Discussion and agreement that the Bookkeeper be allowed to exercise the powers granted to only Receive any and all information on Deposits and Cleared check transactions per Corporate Authorization Resolution for First National Bank in Amboy, in which would be stated as number (7) on the Description of Power.

E. To be discussed at next meeting: Preapproval of invoices to be paid before payment. The Bookkeeper is to provide a copy of bank statements for each account in board packet starting with the May 2021 meeting.

New Business

A. Fire Panel – will be obsolete in the future. Bid from Johnson Control to be discussed in a future meeting.

B. Benefits for staff. The previous year a specified amount of money was passed and approved by vote to be disbursed from the Special Fund for the budget in case of emergency use. The future budget has not yet been presented. The use of the Special Fund is to be discussed and voted on at a future meeting. Also the discussion in regards to vacation, holiday, personal days.

C. New Programs and ideas are in the planning stages for Earth Day and other programs.

Miscellaneous items - None

Adjournment 8:20

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 @ 6:30 P.M.

Finance Committee – Ruth Newcomer, Geri Twardowski
Personnel Committee – Barb Simpson, Leigh Delhotal (Staff Policy Manual)
Policy Committee – Barb Simpson, Leigh Delhotal, Geri Twardowski
Building & Maintenance – Marilyn Spangler, Susie Murphy, Ruth Newcomer
Ad Hock Committee- Susie Murphy, Marilyn Spangler (Long range library plan).