

West Hurley Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

February 17, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:08 by Maria Granda

Persons Present: Maria Granda, Ross Lonstein, Howard Keene, Patricia Heinitz, Robert Hoffman, Margaret Smith, Kara Lustiber

Minutes of January 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved by all on motion of Howard Keene, Patricia Heinitz second

Financial Report: Robert Hoffman reported that there has not been much financial activity. The Director has maintained a limited expenditure of funds. The town has sent the allocated funds to the library, \$221,954. There was no hold back by the town.

The Warrant List of \$4909.45 was approved by each board member on motion of Ross Lonstein, second by Maria Granda

Director's Report: The Annual Reports to the State Department of Education and to the Comptroller's Office are due at the end of February. The reports will be presented to the board for approval at the March 17, 2021 meeting. The virtual programs have had a good attendance. Participants in the Hand Reflexology class have signed in from Georgia and Brooklyn, along with local patrons. Patrons are saying they appreciate the social aspect of the classes. Story Hour and Make and Take programs are well attended. The summer reading program is in the planning stages. It is unknown at this time if in-person programs will be possible.

Building Committee: The landscaping bids are still being sought. A notice was placed in the town's e-newsletter, and on the library's Facebook page. Two bids have been received, hoping to get at least one more bid.

Community Relations: A discussion on whether to send out a post card weighed the cost (\$1,500.) against the publicity for the Friend's plant sale and upcoming programs. The board decided to wait until the fall. The Friend's group will mail out renewal forms to current members. Also asking the West Hurley Fire Department for a posting on their sign located on 375 to advertise the plant sale was suggested.

Technology Committee: The new sim card for the digital sign should arrive shortly. The work on reformatting the patron computers continues. The patron computers that were compatible have been upgraded to Windows 10.

Finance, Personnel, By-Laws/Policies, Election Committees: no report

Strategic Planning: It is time to redo the 5 year plan. The committee will meet in March, after the annual reports are completed to be work on the 5 year plan. Dan Strickland has worked on focus group surveys, he may be the person to facilitate that for the committee.

New Tax Override Provision

Whereas, the adoption of the 2022 budget for the West Hurley Public Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2012; 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 West Hurley Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2022 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on February 17, 2021.

Approved by all members of the board by voice vote on motion of Howard Keene, second by Robert Hoffman.

New business – none

Public be heard – no public comments

7:41 Mara Granda moved to close the meeting, Howard Keene second, approved by all.