

GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
at
Genesee District Library Headquarters
5:30 p.m.
4195 W. Pasadena Ave
Flint, MI 48504
July 19, 2021
Minutes

- Call to Order: 5:37 p.m.
- Present: Conerly-Moon (via phone), Crites, Hostetler, Johns, and Towarnicky.
- Also Present: C. Stritmatter, D. Conklin, A. Goldyn, and J. Ekleberry.
- Absent: Bennett, Jones, and Ryals-Massey.
- Public Comments: See page two.
- Approval of
Consent Agenda: J. Towarnicky moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion supported by D. Hostetler. Motion carried unanimously.
- Board Development: J. Ekleberry, Technical Services Manager, gave a short presentation on his department's function in the library. He answered questions asked by various board members.
- MMLC: J. Towarnicky stated the next meeting is in Septemer.
- Corporation Counsel: C. Stritmatter gave a quick update on the recent changes to the Open Meetings Act. He stated there are now only three reasons that a remote meeting can be held: a medical condition, military service or if a local state of emergency is declared. R. Crites inquired that after the end of the year that it changes for military service only and C. Stritmatter confirmed that would be the only reason for attending a meeting remotely.
- GDL Foundation: J. Towarnicky stated that right now they are limited on what the volunteers can do. She stated that E. Kish refreshes the DVDs for sale on a regular basis.
- Written Reports: J. Towarnicky inquired if TIFAs (Tax Increment Finance Authorities) collect our millage money and return it. D. Conklin explained that TIFAs and DDAs (Downtown Development Authorities) capture and divert our millage money in specified areas of the TIFA or DDA to use the funds to re-invest in that area. He stated that it's tax revenue that the library loses. He stated that GDL now has the ability to opt out of new or reorganized TIFAs or DDAs. J. Towarnicky inquired if the TIFAs or DDAs are required to reinvest the funds in the library buildings and D. Conklin replied they are not.
- K. Johns inquired if there's a report showing the projected percent increase of tax revenue. A. Goldyn replied that every May she receives a report from the Genesee County Equalization Department that shows a dollar figure for all the properties in our service area. She stated when our millage rate is factored into the total taxable property value, it will show the projected revenue for the next year.
- Monthly Statistics: Nothing to report.
- Finance Committee: Nothing to report.

Personnel/Policy
Committee:

Nothing to report.

Form L-4029 for Tax
Authorization:

A. Goldyn stated the form authorizes GDL to collect the property tax revenue needed to continue library operations. She stated the form needs to be signed by the Board Chair, L. Ryals-Massey, and Board Secretary, J. Towarnicky. J. Towarnicky moved to have the appropriate members sign the form. Motion supported by K. Johns. Roll call: ayes – Conerly-Moon, Crites, Hostetler, Johns and Towarnicky; nays – none.

Public Comments:

A. Berry inquired if it would be possible to continue holding the meetings via Zoom for public viewing. C. Stritmatter stated that due to changes in the Open Meetings Act, board members are not able to hold the meeting via Zoom. He further stated that the meeting could be broadcasted via Zoom for the public to view; however, it could be difficult to manage two way conversations.

Board Comments:

D. Hostetler stated at the last meeting there was discussion on finding someone to help with the strategic planning process and inquired if any progress had been made. D. Conklin replied that he and L. Ryals-Massey met with three different people and they will meet to discuss the proposals when L. Ryals-Massey returns. He stated they hope to have something to present at the September meeting.

Adjournment:

J. Towarnicky moved to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. Motion supported by D. Hostetler. Motion carried unanimously.