

Clinton-Macomb Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2008

- I. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library was called to order at 6:07 p.m., September 17, 2008 in the Auditorium at 40900 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township, Michigan. The presiding officer was Peter Ruggirello.

A quorum was present, including the following: Robert Anderson; Barbara Brown; Fred Gibson, Jr.; Michael Lotito; Elizabeth Pugh; Peter Ruggirello; Camille Silda; Sharon Zielinski and ex-officio member Larry Neal.

Guests Michael Nickerson, Carlo Santia, William Sowerby were in attendance.

Members of the public Phyllis Elam, David Huddle, Ellen McNally and Robert Worley were in attendance.

On a motion by Mr. Lotito and seconded by Ms Pugh the agenda was amended to remove "MLA registration costs for Trustee Emeritus" and to add "Memo dated 9/17/08 regarding Macomb County Library hearing."

- II. Mr. Sowerby provided an overview of Clinton Township's request for the library to participate in the improvement of the intersection at Romeo Plank and Canal Road and the repaving of Romeo Plank Road between Cass Avenue and Canal Road. He indicated that the project had to be considered as a whole and could not be divided. Mr. Santia provided an aerial photo showing how a roundabout may work as a solution to improve the intersection.

Public Comment – Several questions from the Board and members of the public were addressed.

On a motion by Ms Pugh and seconded by Mr. Gibson the Board entered into closed session in the Board Room at 6:38 p.m. on a unanimous roll call vote for the purpose of discussing a privileged written legal opinion with the library's legal counsel.

Mr. Santia left the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. Silda and seconded by Mr. Gibson the Board returned to open session in the Auditorium at 7:20 p.m.

On a unanimous vote the Board approved the following motion offered by Mrs. Zielinski and seconded by Mrs. Brown:

"After reviewing the request from the Charter Township of Clinton for assistance in funding the repaving of Romeo Plank Road, including the alterations to the intersection of Romeo Plank Road and Canal Road; after discussing this request in the public portion of the meeting, and

after consultation with the legal counsel for the Library; because of the language contained in the district library agreement and in the millage proposal, as well as the language contained in MCL 397.182, the District Library Establishment Act, I move that we deny the request, as the Library cannot legally fund the repaving of Romeo Plank Road.”

Mr. Sowerby left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

- III. **Approval of Minutes** – On a motion from Mrs. Silda and seconded by Mr. Lotito the minutes of the August 20, 2008 meeting were approved.
- IV. **Treasurer’s Report** – Mrs. Brown reviewed a copy of the report with the Board. The report was received and filed.
- V. **Approval of Monthly Bills** – On a motion from Mrs. Brown on behalf of the Finance and Audit Committee the August 2008 expenditures totaling \$143,134.43 in checks and \$302,411.55 in electronic payments were approved.
- VI. **Communications** – The communications report was received, reviewed and filed.
- VII. **Director’s Report** – Mr. Nickerson reviewed the *People v. D’Angelo* case. Since the defendant was found innocent the library will take no action on the matter. The director’s report was received, reviewed and filed.
- VIII. **Committee Reports** –
 - A. *Finance and Audit Committee* – A copy of the updated MGT-4 Investment guidelines was distributed. On a motion by Mrs. Brown on behalf of the Finance and Audit Committee the MGT-4 Investment policy was approved as presented.
 - B. *Policy Review Committee* – On a motion by Mr. Lotito on behalf of the Policy Review Committee the MGT-15 Local History Room Use policy was approved as presented.
- IX. **Other Business**
 - A. *Memo dated 9/17/08 regarding Macomb County Library (MCL) hearing* – Mr. Neal will attend the upcoming hearing to express an interest in acquiring local history books from MCL’s collection if they become available.
 - B. *Election of Nominating Committee* – On a motion by Mr. Ruggirello and seconded by Mr. Lotito the Nominating Committee will include Mr. Anderson (chair), Mr. Gibson and Mrs. Silda.
 - C. *Purchase or lease of real estate and director’s annual evaluation* – On a motion by Mr. Lotito and seconded by Mrs. Zielinski the Board entered into closed session at 8:28 p.m. on a unanimous roll call vote for the purpose of considering the purchase or lease of real

property and by request of Mr. Neal that his annual evaluation be discussed in closed session.

Mr. Nickerson and Mr. Neal left the closed session at 8:40 p.m. after the discussion regarding the lease or purchase of real estate.

Mr. Neal rejoined the closed session at 8:45 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Ms Pugh the Board returned to open session at 8:55 p.m.

- X. **Adjournment** – On a motion by Mrs. Zielinski and seconded by Mrs. Brown the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Approved: October 15, 2008

Elizabeth Pugh, Secretary