

Clinton-Macomb Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2009

- I. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library was called to order at 6:05 p.m., May 20, 2009 in the Board Room 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 Aaron Green, Juliane Morian, Jamie Morris, and Michael Nickerson were in attendance.

Members of the public Charles and Karen Renny were in attendance.

On a motion by Ms Pugh and seconded by Mrs. Zielinski the amendments to the agenda were approved as presented.

- II. On a motion by Mrs. Zielinski and seconded by Mr. Gibson the Board entered into closed session at 6:06 p.m. on a unanimous roll call vote for the purpose of discussing a privileged legal opinion and for the purpose of discussing a potential purchase of real estate.

Mrs. Silda joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. Zielinski and seconded by Mrs. Brown the Board returned to open session at 6:51 p.m.

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

“After reviewing the second 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.”

- III. **Public Comment** – Mr. and Mrs. Renny joined the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Renny stated that he was in disagreement with the way the 2009 annual rent adjustment was calculated. Mr. Renny also shared a document outlining his offer for the sale of his property on Gratiot. The Board agreed to get back to the Rennys on both matters by the end of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Renny left the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

The Board directed Mr. Nickerson to contact the Rennys' attorney to work on both issues.

Mr. Nickerson left the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

- IV. **New CMPL website preview** – Mr. Green, Ms Morris and Ms Morian joined the meeting at 8:18 p.m. An overview of CMPL's new website to be launched on June 1 was presented. The Board thanked the team for the outstanding work.

Mr. Green, Ms Morris and Ms Morian left the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

- V. **Approval of Minutes** – On a motion from Mrs. Silda and seconded by Mrs. Zielinski the minutes of the April 22, 2009 regular meeting were approved.

On a motion from Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Brown the minutes from the April 22, 2009 closed session meeting were approved.

- VI. **Treasurer's Report** – Mrs. Brown reviewed a copy of the report with the Board. The report was received and filed.

- VII. **Approval of Monthly Bills** – On a motion from Mrs. Brown on behalf of the Finance and Audit Committee the April 2009 expenditures totaling \$168,766.81 in checks and \$210,253.33 in electronic payments were approved.

- VIII. **Communications** – The communications report was received, reviewed and filed.

- IX. **Director's Report** – The director's report was received, reviewed and filed.

- X. **Committee Reports** –

A. *Finance and Audit Committee* – On a motion by Mrs. Brown on behalf of the Finance and Audit Committee the changes to PERS-19 *Personal Business Leave* and PERS-17 *Vacations* were approved as presented.

- XI. **Other Business**

A. Mr. Neal discussed some general strategies for dealing with an anticipated significant decrease in local property tax and interest revenues for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

- XII. **Adjournment** – On a motion by Ms Pugh and seconded by Mrs. Brown the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.