

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FAIRPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008.

PRESENT

Greg Vogt
Suzanne Stockman
Lori Wagoner
Beth White

OTHERS

Betsy Gilbert
Tori Reilly
Lin Macholz
Pat Rapp
Dave Beinetti
Randy Sickler
Bruce Knapp

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Greg Vogt, President. Dr. Vogt welcomed the visitors to the regular Board session.

30 MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Steve Hopkins stated that had a few questions regarding Dr. Vogt's letter in the Perinton Post. He asked about cost and how the cost would be paid.

Dr. Vogt said that the cost is dependent on the kind of facility and the site. The cost is a taxpayer expense, probably a bond, financed over a period of time.

Mr. Hopkins asked if there are locations outside of the village that the library is considering.

Dr. Vogt said the Board has had discussions with the Town Supervisor regarding a number of possible locations. The plan is to stay in the village, but if all village options fall through, the Board will approach the town.

Mr. Hopkins asked about the cost difference between village locations.

Ms. White stated that the cost begins with the site. Raw land in the town would incur expenses different from an existing site in the village. It's difficult to say whether one would be more expensive than the other. She also stated that once a site is found, it would be proposed to the community. The Board makes a recommendation but the decision would be made by a public vote on the proposal.

Mr. Hopkins asked if it would be possible to have a satellite location in the Village Landing if a site is located outside of the village.

Dr. Vogt stated that the Board would be open to talking about the possibility, and would look at operational costs of a satellite location if moving the library to the town was determined to be the best option.

Marge Messner introduced herself and stated that she intends to run for the Board of Trustees this year.

Michael Santarello stated that he supports the library being in the village. He would like to be added to the list of volunteers for community support and fundraising. He asked why the upstairs part of the Village Landing is not an option, considering that many library functions are considerably lighter than shelves of books, and that it would cost less to strengthen the existing floor than building a new library.

Ms. White stated that a review of the library's space 5 years ago began with a building condition report and a look at the life span of the facility. Five variations on the space were examined. The foundation would need to be strengthened.

Mr. Santarello asked why the lighter things, such as meeting rooms or low shelving, can't be put on the second floor and leave heavy shelves on the lower level.

Ms. White stated that the library is planning for long term use of a building and research on libraries shows a need to provide flexibility of space. She stated that the Board is not comfortable with putting millions of taxpayer dollars into a privately owned building. She also stated that the library had hoped to be able to obtain the Vix space because the steel frame construction would allow for heavy loading of library items, but the Board negotiated with the landlord for three years and was unable to obtain that space. The Board has looked at standards of libraries, standards of buildings, and standards of occupancy and costs and determined that the lifespan of the current building is not long. There are also problems with handicap accessibility.

Mr. Santarello asked if the village owns the library building.

Tim Slisz, Village Trustee, explained that the village owns the land but not the building.

Dr. Vogt stated that the library does not want to pay for renovations on the current building and then pay rent as well.

Mr. Slisz stated that the Village Landing building is assessed at \$3.5 million.

Mr. Santarello asked if, since Airy owns the building and the village owns the land, does the village have any recourse with regard to the condition of the building?

Ms. White stated that is a question for the village Board.

Janet Blaser asked if the library Board is working with the village Board.

Dr. Vogt stated that the library Board has been working closely with the village Board and OCED from the beginning.

Margaret Kerr asked if there is a regular schedule of meetings with the two Boards.

Dr. Vogt said they meet jointly as needed, not on a regular schedule.

Ms. Kerr stated that she is asked frequently why the library is not staying where it is.

Dr. Vogt stated that the Board is working to get information out to the community and that she can refer people to the Board with their questions.

Mrs. Stockman stated that the Board has been looking at the issue of space for five years; this is not a sudden decision.

Mr. Hopkins said that it is a surprise to most people. Those who have not attended library Board meetings do not have all the information.

Ms. White said the first public hearing was in January. The library is also working on spreading information through the newsletter, focus groups, and fact sheets.

Mr. Hopkins suggested a bookmark.

Mr. Slisz suggested half hour presentations on Fact 12 describing what the Board has done and the status of the building.

Mr. Santarello stated that he is cable commissioner on Fact 12 and would love to work with the library.

Ms. Kerr asked what could be done inside the library to advertise Board meetings, and suggested the use of a sandwich board.

Dr. Vogt said the library would certainly look into that.

Ms. Messner asked why the Democrat and Chronicle did not publish Dr. Vogt's article. Dr. Vogt stated that it was too long for a letter, and that opinion pieces are solicited by the newspaper.

Mr. Slisz stated that GRC9 news has a lot of staff members who live in Perinton.

Bob Stoltz stated that a half million or more people per year visit the library. It is the most important anchor in the village. He asked what will happen to the village if the library moves out to the town.

Dr. Vogt stated that the Board is sensitive to the needs of the businesses, but it's responsibility is to the library.

Ms. White stated that the Board is concerned and aware of the synergy between the library and the village. The number one goal has been, and continues to be, keeping the library in the village. Many factors affect the viability of small businesses, so the Board does not have an absolute answer to his question.

Mrs. Stockman stated that the Board has an obligation to all the residents of the Fairport Central School District and that it needs to provide the best possible library for the community. The intent is to stay in the village, but not specifically in the current location.

The public comment period closed at 7:39 p.m. Dr. Vogt reminded everyone that they can contact the Board with their comments and concerns between meetings.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by Suzanne Stockman and seconded by Lori Wagoner to approve the minutes from the previous regular Board meeting (March 2008.)

Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Stockman and seconded by Lori Wagoner to approve the minutes from the previous special Board meeting (March 2008), as amended.

Motion carried 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Beth White and seconded by Suzanne Stockman to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2008.

Motion carried 4-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Gilbert pointed out the special "Movers & Shakers" issue of Library Journal, in which Stephanie Squicciarini was commended for her outstanding efforts in teen services.

Ms. Gilbert also stated that the third annual Teen Book Festival took place over the weekend. About 2,000 teens attended, along with 12 authors and several Star Wars characters. The event was made possible through the hard work of Stephanie Squicciarini, Beth Puckett, and the TBF committee and donations from the Friends.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget – No report.

Facilities & Services – No report.

Personnel – Ms. White stated that the committee is discussing personnel policies and will come back to the Board with a proposal to update the Personnel Manual. This will cost \$1500-3000.

Long Range Planning – No report.

Fairport Library Council – No report.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Reserved for Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Suzanne Stockman and seconded by Beth White to approve the NYS Annual Report.

Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Suzanne Stockman and seconded by Beth White to thank Shirley Mereau for her many years of service to the Fairport Public Library and to the Board of Trustees, and to wish her well on her retirement.

Motion carried 4-0.

WARRANTS

A motion was made by Beth White and seconded by Lori Wagoner to accept the warrants as follows:

**\$ 39,500.37 dated March 27, 2008
26,883.95 dated April 2, 2008**

Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Vogt thanked the visitors for coming. Visitors left at 7:46 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Suzanne Stockman and seconded by Beth White to go into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. to discuss matters of property acquisition and contract negotiation.

Motion carried 4-0.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Beth White and seconded by Lori Wagoner to come out of Executive Session at 9:47 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Lori Wagoner and seconded by Suzanne Stockman to approve Zogby International to conduct a survey.

Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Beth White and seconded by Suzanne Stockman to authorize John Blyth to secure an option with OCED for the procurement of 29 Perrin Street.

Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Suzanne Stockman and seconded by Beth White to go into Executive Session at 9:49 p.m. to discuss matters of personnel.

Motion carried 4-0.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

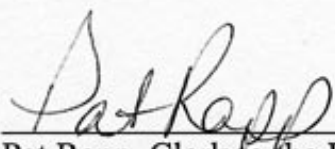
A motion was made by Beth White and seconded by Lori Wagoner to come out of Executive Session at 10:02 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Beth White and seconded by Lori Wagoner to adjourn at 10:03 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0.



Pat Rapp, Clerk to the Board