

Thorntown Public Library Board of Trustees
September 9, 2024
Minutes

Public Hearing for 2025 Budget

President Barb Hillger called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Also present were Chuck Behrens, Jennifer Bopp, Judy Johnson, Barney Lewis, Director Christine Sterle, Treasurer Barbara Darnell, and board assistant Kathy Bowen.

Jennifer motioned to open the Public Hearing with a second from Barney. Vote 5-0

There was no public in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03, with a motion from Barney, and a second from Judy. Vote 5-0

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Jennifer moved to approve the agenda with a second by Barney. Vote 5-0

Barney moved to approve the August Secretary's report with additional claims presented by Barbara Darnell. Chuck seconded. Vote 5-0

Barbara presented the Monthly Financial Report. Receipts into the operating fund for August 2024 were \$27,463.05. Operating fund disbursements totaled \$60,418.32. August's ending cash balance was \$1,249,550.93 with investments of \$276,769.89. Total Cash/Investments were \$1,526,370.82.

Chuck moved to approve the Register of Claims with a second by Barney. Vote 5-0

With no public present the board proceeded to Reports.

Thorntown Heritage Museum – The quilt square painting fundraiser is October 5 at the library. Cost is \$30 for canvas and \$40 for wood square; proceeds benefit Sugar Creek Historical Society. The museum is open festival weekend with barrel train and touch-a-tractor on Saturday. Kirsten is attending a grant making workshop on September 19.

There was no old business.

New Business

The Strategic Planning Staff Operational Retreat is scheduled for November 8. The board entertained a request to close most of the day so that staff could participate. The library will open at 3:00 pm. Jennifer moved to approve the closing with a second by Barney. Vote 5-0

Director's Report

Christine approved an estimate for the parking lot repair. The proposed cost is \$2,850 which includes digging out the hole, investigating the sinkhole, refill, and patch. The work will be scheduled later this fall.

The board heard updates on the bat removal and remediation process. The LadyBug estimate was originally \$14,247.60 and came with a warranty regarding re-entry. Christine requested a quote from ServPro for remediation. Theirs came in at \$9,060.14 but the scope didn't seem to match up, so further info was requested from both companies. The LadyBug agreed to remove the paint portion of the estimate. After a second evaluation from The LadyBug, the price dropped further to \$9,558.80. The work is to occur Thursday, October 3.

The LadyBug has been hired to replace our previous pest control provider. This will include rodent and bug pest service, quarterly visits, free re-visits if pests are found between appointments. They have a quarterly contract with the museum that was established this spring.

The boiler inspection occurred a few weeks ago. All is well.

Whitaker Glass recommended I contact Mulhaupt's in Lafayette for restroom door accessibility options. They sent the same tech who helped us with the broken north door lock. He said our doors are accessible according to code and our good idea about the push/pull and deadbolt would make doors NOT accessible. I showed him the automated door quote from the competitor and he said the solution looked cobbled together and recommended from a repair person's point of view. He said Mulhaupt's sales could put together an estimate but it would likely cost more because they use a higher quality solution with fewer components. If something breaks, it's harder to determine where the failure occurred and in the meantime the restroom would be more difficult to use (if not totally inaccessible).

The HVAC controls scheduled retrofit is to begin the week of September 30.

Accessible entrance blue signs have been installed at TPL.

Last night around 10 pm there was a fire on our shared fence line with Melanie Gall. Fortunately, she saw it very quickly, called 911, and had it mostly managed when the fire department arrived. I have called Mark Dunwoody to repair (more) fence. He completed replacement of boards around the mechanical courtyard a few weeks ago. The fire affected two sections of fence. The origin is unknown and our cameras didn't help solve the case.

Jennifer motioned to adjourn the September board meeting with a second by Barney at 6:42 p.m. Vote 5-0.

Christine Sterle, Secretary *Pro tem*