

Harvey Public Library District's Board Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2016

Board Meeting

President Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Members Present: Mauzkie Ervin, Jerlene Harris, William Whitaker, Barbara Fields
and Roberta Patterson

Absent: Tamika Price and JoAnn Nesbitt

President Patterson states that she have a request from one of the trustees to amend the agenda to ask the City of Harvey for a waiver for the \$50,000.00 HPLD paid for the building permit.

President Patterson states that they will add the item to 8b.

Trustee Ervin made a motion to amend the agenda to add an additional agenda item regarding the waiver with the city for \$50,000.00 as agenda item 8b. and was seconded by Trustee Harris.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mauzkie Ervin, Jerlene Harris, William Whitaker, Barbara Fields
and Roberta Patterson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Tamika Price and JoAnn Nesbitt

Motion Carried.

Attorney Jarad states that adding it to the agenda now as opposed to within forty-eight (48) hours before meeting all you can do is add it for purposes of discussion only.

Trustee Ervin states that he gave Director Flowers a request signed by Trustee Harris, Vice-President Fields and himself on May 7, 2016 to add the item to the agenda, so it's not his fault it wasn't added.

Attorney Jarad states that it still doesn't change the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

President Patterson states that the previous board had already went through the process of resolving the matter.

Trustee Ervin states that it wasn't done properly because the board didn't take it to the whole city council and have all six (6) aldermen to vote on whether or not they wanted to waive the fee.

Attorney Jarad states that what the board could do is have the library director to submit a complete waiver of that \$50,000.00 that was charged for the building permit. She states that this is something that could be achieved today.

Trustee Harris states that she gave President Patterson an item to put on the agenda April 14, 2016 and it wasn't discussed or anything. She states that she's going to continue to send request until the item is put on the agenda so the board could vote.

Attorney Jarad states that she recommends Trustee Harris to amend the agenda to have the item put on the agenda.

Trustee Harris made a motion to add to the agenda as an additional agenda item as 8c. New Business discussion of additional documents to add to the districts website and seconded by Trustee Ervin.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mauzkie Ervin, Jerlene Harris, William Whitaker, Barbara Fields and Roberta Patterson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Tamika Price and JoAnn Nesbitt

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Whitaker made a motion to approve the previous month's minutes (Board Meeting and Special Meeting) and was seconded by President Patterson.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mauzkie Ervin, William Whitaker, Barbara Fields and Roberta Patterson

Nays: Jerlene Harris

Abstain:

Absent: Tamika Price and JoAnn Nesbitt

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

President Patterson made a motion to approve the previous month's bills and was seconded by Trustee Whitaker.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mauzkie Ervin, Jerlene Harris, William Whitaker, Barbara Fields and Roberta Patterson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Tamika Price and JoAnn Nesbitt

Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Harris states for the record that she's hand delivering the board something for review. She states that as a trustee on this library board she shouldn't have to pay fees for any records at the library.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

As stated.

General Fund-\$119.20-Estimated Amount
Gift Account-\$5,552.71-Estimated amount
Special Reserve Account-\$22.46-Estimated Amount
Vendor Account-\$540,675.55
Expense Account-\$28,855.49
Youth Services Account-\$4,464.36

REPORT OF LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Director Flowers announces that the Trustee's Workshop will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at Crete Public Library from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Director Flowers informs the board that there's now a \$15.00 late fee for filing your economic statement of interest, if you haven't done so.

Director Flowers states that the library logo contest has been uploaded to the HPLD's website.

Director Flowers states that the library has been receiving a lot of reports from the patrons, community, as well as other libraries within the RAILS system on how beautiful the building looks. She states that there are a lot of new faces coming into the library and are very excited about the study rooms, the flex space, computer lab and café area.

Director Flowers thanks the Board of Trustees for all their hard work and dedication given to the library.

Trustee Ervin states that he would take some flyers for the logo contest to some of the local schools.

Vice-President Fields asked, that if all the furniture in the library is new, then where is the old furniture? She asked, if the library made any money off the old furniture?

Director Flowers states that the library didn't really sale anything but some tables to a church. She states that it was in the trustees' packets how much money HPLD made when the tables were sold. Director Flowers states that the old furniture that wasn't sold or scrapped is all in storage.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES/COMMITTEES

A. BUILDING & GROUNDS

Trustee Whitaker states that the library looks great and is anxious to get things rolling back to normal.

B. FINANCE

No report.

C. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Trustee Ervin states that the Fishing Pole Spelling Bee has been put on hold till this fall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CDBG Demolition Grant Update (Trustee Whitaker)

Trustee Whitaker states that he's been working with Attorney Jarad and Planning and Development Department of Cook County. He states that he was just able to get in contact with the legal department to get this item straighten out'

Attorney Jarad states that she's been trying to get the county's legal department to respond. She states that she finally got a hold to their council on yesterday. Attorney Jarad states that her goal is to have this completed before the end of the month so it could be presented to the board for approval.

Trustee Price joins the meeting at 6:37pm.

B. Grand Opening Ceremony Dignitary's List

President Patterson asked, Director Flowers if she had heard from any of the dignitaries?

Director Flowers states that she have not heard from any of the dignitaries.

The Board of Trustees and Director Flowers exchanged ideas for the Dignitary's List. (The agenda, guest speakers, etc.) They also discussed the schedule for the citizens of Harvey.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Trustee's 2017 Calendar and Holiday Schedule (Action Item)

President Patterson made a motion to approve the 2017 HPLD Board of Trustees Meetings and Holiday Schedule and was seconded by Trustee Ervin.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Tamika Price, Mauzkie Ervin, Jerlene Harris, William Whitaker,
Barbara Fields and Roberta Patterson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: JoAnn Nesbitt

Motion Carried.

B. Waiver of the Building Permit in the amount of \$50,000.00

Trustee Ervin states that he would like to present this option to all six (6) of the aldermen. He states that he knows that there are no guarantees, but it is a process that the board didn't explore before.

President Patterson states that the former president negotiated with the mayor. She states that the price of the permit was \$132,000.00 and they got it down to \$50,000.00 the board agreed and paid it. President Patterson states that now some of these board members want that fee waived.

Trustee Ervin states that all the aldermen would have to vote on it on the floor at a city council meeting.

President Patterson asked, what is it that our director will have to do?

Trustee Ervin states that Director Flowers will have to submit a letter to all of the aldermen and also send one to the mayor asking that they take into consideration a refund of the \$50,000.00 building permit fees the Harvey Public Library paid.

President Patterson states that the board should put this item on the agenda for next board meeting so that it could be voted on. Some of the board members agreed to put item on the agenda for next board meeting.

The Board of Trustees discussed whether or not the item will be added to next month's agenda.

Trustee Nesbitt joins the meeting at 7:13pm.

President Patterson decides that the library director will submit a letter to the six (6) aldermen requesting a refund in the amount of \$50,000.00 for building permit fees.

C. Add HPLD's Annual Statement of Receipts and Disbursements to the Library's Website

Trustee Ervin asked, if other libraries post their financials on their websites?

Trustee Harris states that other libraries does it and HPLD should publicize there's as well. She states that this should be available to the citizens of Harvey.

President Patterson asked, the board how did they feel about having this document posted on the website?

Trustee Ervin asked, if this was a standard practice? If so, then yes.

President Patterson states that this item will be added to the agenda for next month's board meeting.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Remarks Limited to 3 Minutes)

Renauld Mitchell, Architect (Moody & Nolan) states that he has no formal comments but will like to state that as you guys get used to your new environment it's to your expectations and satisfaction.

President Patterson thanked Renauld Mitchell (Moody & Nolan) for all of their hard work that was put into the library.

May Seay states that she thanks God for the library and that she's glad that the library stayed in its location and didn't get moved.

ADJOURNMENT

President Patterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm and was seconded by Trustee Nesbitt.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tamika Price, Mauzkie Ervin, Jerlene Harris, William Whitaker,
JoAnn Nesbitt, Barbara Fields and Roberta Patterson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Meeting Adjourned.