

SOMONAUK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2023

The public hearing meeting for the Truth in Taxation Ordinance was called to order by President Roberta Mickelson at 4:00P.M.

In attendance were Marilyn Abbott, Chris Gresk, Tom Harmon, Paula Moore, Gina Skofich, Cindy Westbrook, Library Director Julie Harte Fischer and attorney Richard Burton.

Burton reviewed the current library budget and recommended raising the levy to the highest legal limit.

As no public attended, Gresk moved to close the public meeting at 4:10P.M. Motion carried.

The President called the regular meeting to order.

Harmon Moved to adopt the proposed Tax Levy Ordinance (2023-03). Roll call vote: Abbott-yes, Gresk-yes, Harmon-yes, Moore-yes, Skofich-yes, Westbrook-yes, Mickelson-yes. Motion carried..

Mickelson declared the minutes approved as presented. There was no correspondence.

Skofich reported the bills were being processed and gave the budget report. Moore moved to approve the budget and pay current bills. Motion carried.

The Director reported:

- 6,234 items circulated,
- 27 new patrons enrolled,
- 1 out-of-district patron enrolled,
- \$76 in fines collected,
- \$4.10 donated,
- \$337.20 from copies/faxes.

The library is hosting local authors at the Heartland Bank for the Somonauk Christmas Walk and additional programs planned for the month were highlighted.

Friends of the Library will decorate the library Christmas tree on December 2 at their annual luncheon meeting. The group raised \$1,550 with the Book & Bake sale in October.

The Director reported the existence of a 30-year manufacturer's warranty for the siding that needs repair.

Harmon moved that the two Certificates of Deposit with Resource Bank be reinvested for twelve months at 5.15% as offered by the bank. Motion carried.

Regarding the adoption of the Illinois policy on book banning, board members asked that it include a 'ban on any weapon' for admittance of patrons to the building.

Mickelson proposed a Christmas bonus of \$100 be gifted to each of the library staff regardless of their length of employment. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 12 at 4:00P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10P.M.

Paula Moore, Secretary

