

Romeo District Library Regular Board Meeting
Graubner Library 7:00 P.M.
January 8, 2025

1. Call To Order

Servitto-Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mike Arcy, Kathy Clark, Bill Grandstaff, JoAnn Marino, Liane Miller, Trese Servitto-Smith

Staff Present: Claire Meeker, Carla Heck

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation

None

4. Approval of the Agenda

Revised agenda is accepted and filed as presented.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the Minutes

b. Approval of Financial Reports

Consent Agenda is accepted and filed as presented.

6. Director's Report

Meeker gave an overview of items outlined in her director's report.

7. President's/Trustees' Reports

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

a) Presentation of ad hoc Committee Recommendation by Seth Penchansky, Architect, and Anders Dahlgren, Librarian Consultant

Dalgren presented the Needs Assessment findings, based on demographics using SEMCOG and future needs for collections and space. Penchansky reviewed the 5,600 sq.ft. expansion floor plan. He emphasized that the details are not finished until he gets more input. He also reviewed the \$4 Million budget.

b) Explanation of Financing for Building Improvement/Expansion

Meeker spoke to the fund allocation. She stated that \$2 Million would come from Fund Balance and \$2 Million would come from privately placed bond. The bond would be repaid over eight years. This entire project will be at no expense to taxpayers. We will receive the money in phases. Unused monies can be invested until required for the project. Meeker stated that we will need a special bond attorney. She suggested Scott Hogan out of Grand Rapids who specialize in libraries.

Arcy asked for actual revenue/expenses from prior year. Carla Heck provided the revenue and expense numbers for years 2021 thru 2024. Heck gave additional detail as to why the library was in a good position to be able to pay the \$300,000/year back.

Arcy stated that he did not want to go forward until the project has been rolled out to the townships. Marino supports the idea of rolling out to the townships, however, approval does not have to wait until this has been accomplished. Meeker stated that the townships have entrusted the board to make these decisions. Marino stated that board members are stewards of the money. Rolling this out to the various townships is a good step, but not necessary in the approval process.

c) Approval of Building Improvement/Expansion Plan with Presented Financing.

Miller moved and Grandstaff supported motion to approve the private placement of a bond, not to exceed \$2 Million, for the purpose of expanding and improving the Graubner Library.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Clark, Grandstaff, Marino, Miller, Servitto-Smith

NAYS: Arcy

MOTION CARRIED

d) Approval of 80/20 Resolution for Health Insurance

Miller moved and Grandstaff supported motion to approve the resolution for 80/20 cost of coverage provisions for health insurance per Section 4 of PA 152.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Arcy, Clark, Grandstaff, Marino, Miller, Servitto-Smith

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

e) Approval of Health Insurance Renewal

Clark moved and Grandstaff supported motion to approve the renewal of Blue Care Network for all eligible employees.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Arcy, Clark, Grandstaff, Marino, Miller, Servitto-Smith

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 P.M.