

Harvey Public Library District's Board Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2016

Board Meeting

President Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.

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

Absent: Tamika Price

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Ervin made a motion to approve the previous month's minutes and was seconded by Vice-President Fields.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Tamika Price

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

Trustee Nesbitt made a motion to approve the previous month's bills and was seconded by Trustee Ervin.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Jerlene Harris

Abstain:

Absent: Tamika Price

Motion Carried.

Trustee Price joins the meeting at 6:11pm.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-President Fields announces that the Cancer Society Relay Walk for Life will be June 21, 2016 from 3pm to 10pm at Thornton Track Field.

Trustee Harris states that at the last meeting she brought it to President Patterson's attention that back on March 22, she wanted to see the Annual Financial Report of HPLD to be put on the agenda so that it could be part of record and put on the website so that the citizens of Harvey could see the revenue and disbursements. She states that President Patterson said that it would be on the agenda for this meeting.

President Patterson states that she recalls the conversation and she could make an amendment to the agenda.

Attorney Jarad states that President Patterson could make an amendment to the agenda for discussion purposes only, no action could be taken on the item added to the agenda.

Trustee Harris states for the record that this was discussed at the previous meeting and was supposed to be on this board meeting agenda.

Vice-President Fields states that with all that's going on at the library, she's sure that this wasn't done intentionally.

President Patterson apologizes for the oversight and states that it would be on next board meeting agenda.

Trustee Harris states that there was another item that she wanted discussed. She states that she would like the board to see the suggestions and comment cards that the citizens are submitting to the library.

Director Flowers states that she read the comments/suggestions cards to the board a couple of months back.

Trustee Harris states that she wants to read them when that box is opened.

President Patterson thanked the director, staff, trustees and the citizens of Harvey for a great turn out at the Grand Opening Ceremony.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

As stated.

General Fund-\$119.20-Estimated Amount
Gift Account-\$5,553.96-Estimated amount
Special Reserve Account-\$22.46-Estimated Amount
Vendor Account-\$438,460.59

Expense Account-\$26,210.07

Youth Services Account-\$4,464.36

REPORT OF LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Director Flowers states that the library logo contest there was only one entry. She states that she will extend the contest to the end of the summer reading program.

Trustee Harris states that for the record that she filed two (2) FOIA's request with the PAC (Public Access Counsel) to have access to the financial records as well as documentation of workers that work at the library. She states that she's being charged for documents and she wants to know if trustees have to pay for financial records that they are supposed to be overseeing.

President Patterson asked, Trustee Harris if she had filed an additional request, because HPLD has already paid over \$7,000.00 in legal fees for FOIA's she has filed.

Trustee Harris states that she wants to see an itemized list of what you paid Attorney Jarad for the FOIA's that were filed for the month that she was paid over \$7,000.00.

President Patterson states that it was on the purchase journal that the board received in their board packets.

Trustee Harris states that as a trustee she shouldn't have to pay for copies of those records that she's entitled to have as a trustee.

President Patterson states to Trustee Harris that the board will like to follow the agenda and right now we are receiving the report of our library director.

Trustee Harris states that she gave all the trustees letters and need them to address this matter.

Trustee Whitaker states that it isn't on the agenda and would like to move on down the agenda.

Director Flowers states that the board has a copy of the 2014 Audit for HPLD.

Trustee Harris states that she don't have everything that she asked for.

Director Flowers states that Trustee Harris asked for 2014 and 2015 Audits. She states that 2015 isn't available at this time.

Trustee Harris states that she will give the board seven (7) days to give her an answer or she will file charges against the board.

President Patterson states that Trustee Harris has already filed and have cost HPLD over \$7,000.00. She states that the board will move on to the next item on the agenda and asked, Director Flowers if she was done with her report?

Director Flowers stated that she was not finish going over her report and continued with her report.

Director Flowers states that the Grand Opening Ceremony went really well. She acknowledges some libraries that came out to celebrate the event with HPLD, Board President form Chicago Heights Public

Library, Trustees from South Holland Public Library, Director Keshia Garnett from Berwyn Public Library and Director Keisha Hester from Broadview Public Library.

Director Flowers states that she will be sending a letter to the Mayor and Aldermen on behalf of the library board requesting a refund for permit fees.

Trustee Ervin states that he think that the letter should've been addressed to the mayor and the aldermen, not just addressed to Mayor Kellogg.

The Board of Trustees discussed the permit fees and the letter to the mayor and councilmen, they also briefly discussed how the previous board made arrangements with the mayor on getting the fees decreased.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES/COMMITTEES

A. BUILDING & GROUNDS

Trustee Whitaker states that everything looks great at the library.

Director Flowers states that the city came out and put the Handicap Accessibility curb in. She states that City of Harvey paid to have the accessible curb put in.

B. FINANCE

No report.

C. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Vice-President Fields asked, if the Friends of the Library could be added to next board meeting agenda? She passed out some literature to the board about Friends of the Library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CDBG Demolition Grant Update (Trustee Whitaker)

Trustee Whitaker states that agreement is just about complete, just not there yet.

Attorney Jarad explains to the board about speaking with Cook County's Planning & Development Attorney about the agreement and are trying to finalize everything before the end of the this fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Library Non-Resident Cards Ordinance No. 2016-1 (Action Item)

Director Flowers explains to the board why this ordinance is put in place annually.

The board discussed and exchanged ideas/suggestions about the Non-Resident Cards Ordinance.

President Patterson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-1 Annual Ordinance Authorizing Public Library Non-Resident Cards and was seconded by Trustee Ervin.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Jerlene Harris

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

B. Prevailing Wage Rate Ordinance No. 2016-2 (Action Item)

Trustee Harris states that she would like to make this a matter of record this board is in violation of having the material available forty-eight (48) hours to trustees for review of that material. She states that she didn't have her board material in a timely manner and the board is in violation of the Open Meetings Act.

Attorney Jarad states that the forty-eight hour rule requires the posting of an agenda not forty-eight hour notice for board packets.

Trustee Harris states for the record that she will contact PAC for review of Ordinance No. 2016-2 Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

President Patterson states for the record that this board does everything as much as it can by the rules. She states that if Trustee Harris wants to exploit the board and make the board pay a phenomenal amounts of money for no reason then go ahead and disrespect the board.

Vice-President Fields asked, if Attorney Jarad could explain the Prevailing Wage Rates?

Attorney Jarad explains to the board that every single year the Department of Labor through the statutes required by this board as a public body to ascertain and to determine the wages that it's going to pay to certain laborers namely mechanics, public works and construction of public works contracts.

Trustee Whitaker made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-2 and was seconded by Trustee Price.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Jerlene Harris

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carried.

Director Flowers states for the record that Trustee Harris asked for a copy of the packet from the Special Meeting. She states that she's given the information to Trustee Whitaker so that he could go through it

to see what is in the packet and hand it to Trustee Harris. She states that this is how she would deliver information to Trustee Harris from now own.

C. Flex Room Policy

The Board of Trustees exchanged ideas and made suggestions about the Flex Room Policy and when they would meet to take action on this policy.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Remarks Limited to 3 Minutes)

Commissioner Donahue of Thornton Township states that she's proud of HPLD for a great turn out at the Grand Opening Ceremony and shared some of her ideas for the library.

Dontrel Evans states that he's been a resident of Harvey all his life. He states that the library looks excellent and he have been attending meetings now and with the past board. Dontrel states that he hopes that the library adopts a reasonable policy for the flex room. He states that he hopes that the policy focuses on all age groups in the community. Dontrel states that the library looks good and everyone is doing an excellent job.

Sheryl Jones states that she's a resident of Harvey for the past thirty-five (35) years. She states that she was scrolling through her phone and this Bible verse came to me (Ms. Jones reads the Bible verse out loud). Ms. Jones states that she knows that somethings may have gone on in the past here that may not be favorable but we need to move past that.

ADJOURNMENT

President Patterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm 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.