

Golden Prairie Public Library District  
Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, August 18, 2021  
5:00 p.m.

At 5:00 p.m., President Ruth Novosad opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 21-01, the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning the first day of July 2021 and ending the 30th day of June 2022. President Novosad called for public comments three times with no responses. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:01 p.m.

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order  
President called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
- II. Roll Call  
Trustees Present: Ary Anderson, Jim Russell, Patti Salch, Stephen Peterson  
Kathy Vroman, Stephanie Walden, Ruth Novosad  
  
Others Present: Amy Dunham, Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins
- III. Introductions  
There were no introductions.
- IV. Public Comments  
There were no public comments.
- V. President's Report  
President Novosad had no report.
- VI. Approval of Minutes  
A. July 21, 2021:  
Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as distributed.
- VII. Staff Reports  
A. Director's Report: Jeanne Hamilton, Library Director, shared that the CDC released updated COVID -19 guidelines and the library has re-introduced the mask-wearing requirements. Most patrons have been understanding of the change, but BPL is giving out more disposable masks this time. Jeanne provided an update on the library expansion, the timeline with the City of Bloomington, and the most recent architect's rendering.  
  
B. Circulation and Outreach Report: Jeanne Hamilton presented the Circulation and Outreach Report. Colleen Shaw, Circulation and Outreach Services Manager, and an Outreach Associate, Michelle Cope, are working with the jail on a partnership to teach computer skills to inmates. This will help provide the inmates with workforce development skills. The Bookmobile is getting some upgrades, including new steps, and will be off the road for a week. Patti Salch shared that the Bookmobile will be at the Ellsworth Days Celebration on Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

- C. Financial Report: Kathy Jeakins, Business Manager, provided the reports in the Board packet. July 1<sup>st</sup> was the beginning of the new fiscal year and there has not been much activity.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Update on Annexation Project:

Ruth Novosad shared that she left a message with Robert Porter, Attorney, seeking his representation in the Annexation Project. Ruth and Ary plan to contact households in the Indian Hills Subdivision before the September Board meeting.

B. Marketing to Golden Prairie Patrons:

Ruth contacted Bret Williams, a freelance graphic designer, who created a rough draft of a GPPLD tri-fold flyer. Ruth requested the Board Members to look over the draft and let Ruth and Jim know what changes they would like to see. Ruth also met with Brian Morgan at Le Print Express and he recommends the direct mail, every door option as the best and most affordable way to go. Discussion was held on the flyer and ways to have it grab the attention of the recipients as well as cost. It was agreed that sending the flyer in October would be possible.

C. CD Maturing at the End of September:

Stephen Peterson reported on rates for CDs. The national average for a 12-month CD is .17% and internet banks are at .65%. The Bank of Pontiac quoted GPPLD a 13-month CD at .35% and the First State Bank (on Hershey Road) quoted GPPLD a 15-month CD at .5%. Since GPPLD has CDs at both banks, the paperwork will be minimal. Stephen recommends the First State Bank option but the Board will wait until the September meeting to make a final decision. Discussion was held on the timing of the CDs maturing and the timeline for GPPLD's contribution to the library expansion and techmobile.

D. Discuss Library Fundraising 101 Webinar:

Discussion was held on library expansion fundraising and GPPLD's role as a contractual library. Ruth stated that it behooves GPPLD to support the library, both as a Board of Trustees and on a personal level. Ruth shared that that GPPLD has funds earmarked for a donation to the BPL but that getting involved in the fundraising process should be a personal decision for each Board member. Ary commented that it would be important that it be known that everyone on the GPPLD Board has individually supported the library expansion project. Jeanne shared that she would be happy to meet with any friend or family member of a GPPLD Board Member to discuss a donation.

IX. New Business

A. Adopt Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 21-01

STEPHANIE WALDEN MOVED, PATTI SALCH SECONDED, TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 21-01 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2021 AND ENDING THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2022.

YAYS:           ARY ANDERSON, JIM RUSSELL, KATHY VROMAN, PATTI SALCH,  
STEPHEN PETERSON, STEPHANIE WALDEN, RUTH NOVOSAD

NAYS:           NONE

ABSENT:        NONE

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. ILA Annual Conference: October 12 – 14, 2021

Jeanne shared the ILA Annual Conference is a virtual conference this year. The theme is Breaking Down Barriers: Building Up Communities. GPPLD members were instructed to let Amy know before September 13<sup>th</sup>, if they were interested in attending.

X. Comments from Board Trustees

There were no comments.

XI. Reminder

Next Board Meeting is September 15, 2021.

XII. Adjournment

President Novosad adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.