

Three Oaks Township Public Library
January 14, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Christina Zebell, Board Vice-President. Present: Stacey Koziel, Debbie Freehling, Connie Slavens, and Cheryl Kersey. Patience Petro and Tom Rosenbluth both absent.

Motion by CZ to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by SK. All ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

Public Comment: none.

Unfinished Business:

Grants – nothing to report.

Budget – CK said Current Budget was in folders. CK said as of December 31, 2024 there was \$300,312.54 in Library Fund. The library has received the \$25,000 check from the estate of Ernest Jelinek. Motion by CZ to use this memorial money to pay for repairs to two fireplaces, seconded by DF, all ayes, none opposed, motion carried. The library received \$13,806.64 from Chikaming for Winter Tax Disbursement. Motion made by DF to approve the Proposed Projected Budget as presented, seconded by SK, all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

Building Maintenance –

Fireplaces: SK said Family Chimney Sweeps came in December and gave quotes to install gas fireplaces in the fireplace in the community room and the one on the second floor that will be vented out the side wall. Discussion followed. Motion by CZ to add the second floor fireplace to the bills to pay, seconded by CS, all ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

CZ said she would like to find someone to repair or replace the wallpaper in the entry way of the library. Discussion followed. CZ said she and CS will look into this.

Friends of the Library – Their next meeting is March 11, at 6:00.

Other –

Director's Report – attached to these minutes.

Trustee Education – nothing to report.

New Business:

Election of Board Officers – CZ tabled until full board will be in attendance.

Hiring New Library Clerk – CK asked if she can hire an additional person per the library's personnel policy. Discussion followed. The board gave unanimous support.

Other – CK said The Improved Workforce Opportunity Age Act and The Earned Sick Time Act both go into effect on February 21, 2025. The library's policies already offer more than is required in these acts. She is working on a policy.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 2024, 3:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by CZ at 6:24, seconded by CS.