

THE OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

April 2, 2007

Attending: OPL trustees Bob Minzesheimer, Joyce Lannert, Peter Capek and Thomas Staudter; OPL acting director Joan Hraban; Library consultant Rick Freyman.

President Minzesheimer called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. in the board room of the new library.

Agenda: A motion was made (Staudter,Capek) to approve the agenda. Unanimous.

Minutes: A motion was made (Lannert, Capek) to approve the Feb. 26 minutes.

Unanimous. A motion was made (Lannert, Capek) to approve the Mar.26 minutes with slight revisions. Unanimous.

Public Comment: Hraban noted that the board meeting was being held during Passover, and several people had told her that they weren't able to attend because of religious observances.

Budget: Freyman gave the board a good outline of a budget. The board discussed a number of ways to keep the budget in line with an increase that would result in just a 10% increase in the tax levy. Cuts to the budget were discussed to accomplish this.

Acting Director's report: Hraban said the library was busy with patrons, and more tours of the library were needed. An elevator was not working, she reported.

Expansion Update: The finishing touches were now being taken care of in the new library, said Lannert. Demolition of the old library will begin at the end of the month.

New Director: Interviews for top candidates begin this Thursday. Board members are asked to have a list of questions ready.

School Liaison Report: None.

Parking: St. Ann's will provide 10 spots for staff and then 15 more spaces after school hours. Staudter is looking to talk with the village and local merchants about more parking.

Festival: Minzesheimer thought the festival celebrating the new library should be in September, and the rest of the board agreed.

Board Expansion: Staudter said that he had contacted the NYS Dept. of Education library liaison about the expansion request and was waiting to hear back from her.

At 9:55 PM a motion was made (Staudter, Capek) to go into Executive Session to discuss upcoming contract negotiations. At 10:25 PM a motion was made (Staudter, Capek) to exit the Executive Session. Both motions passed unanimously.

At 10:50 PM a motion was made (Lannert, Staudter) to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Staudter