

LIBRARY BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 a.m. by President, Annette Balian. Members Present:

Annette Balian
Pauline Barlow
William Clissold
Elenora DeBolle

Absent with Notice:

Niki Griffin

Absent without Notice:

Larry Canyock

The minutes of the May 20, 1993, Regular Meeting were accepted and filed.

The minutes of the June 3, 1993, Special Meeting were accepted and filed with the following corrections.

Omit the 's' on Oakland Townships desire and add 's' to the word desire. Delete 'to them' and change to 'it'.

In the second line, move the word residents so that it reads Oakland Township residents' usage.

Paragraph 2, change township to 'it'.

Paragraph 3, 2nd line, change the 'that' to a 'for which'. In line 10, omit the 'but', and say, "We must contract away 100% of our state aid and penal funds. At the same time we need not pay them all of the tax revenues we collect." Make 2 sentences out of one.

Heading of minutes should read Library Board of the Charter Township of Oakland.

Absent with notice was Pauline Barlow.

The minutes of the June 10, 1993, Special Meeting were accepted and filed with the following corrections noted.

In paragraph 3 where it reads, "It was decided that a new contract could not be entered into this fiscal year for the following reasons...", delete 'this fiscal year'.

FINANCIAL/CONTRACTS: Balian distributed copy of letter written by Clissold. 2nd payment has been made to Rochester Hills Library. Clissold met with Bob Justin on Thursday, July 8. No progress was made with contract negotiations. Rochester Hills is adamant that they should get 100% of everything that we get, at least. It was left with Justin endeavoring to get more concrete figures from Christine as to what our usage is, how much we pay per capita, etc. Canyock, Balian were also with Clissold at this meeting and attempted to get the extension for another year with the same provisions as the 2nd year of the current contract or the one that ended, in order to let us all sit back and allow time to gather thoughts. Justin did not seem amenable to this idea. We concluded the meeting with a request for more information. Until that is forthcoming, no future meeting date has been set. Balian added that this request for more figures was requested in time for this meeting. However, no word has yet been received and Justin knew that we were meeting today. Clissolds feeling is that they are trying to cut us off completely. DeBolle commented that during their on Monday, Rochester Hills Library Board doesn't feel that they are getting anywhere with their sub-committee meetings. They feel they have so many questions for the entire board and they asked DeBolle alot of questions. Rochester Hills Library extended an invitation to us to attend their August 9 meeting. They inferred that about that time they might be considering giving us our 6 month notice; that they would not be renewing the contract. Their strong objections are that they feel their people are paying much more than our people; that they are paying 9/10 of a mill extra for the bond issue. They're paying for the building. They feel that our position is that we didn't vote on the building. They also say they cannot separate use of the building without providing library services. They can't figure out how to provide library services to us without letting us use the building. Therefore, they think we should pay at least our mill. When asked when they would have usage figures for us, Debolle was told that they were more than 2/3 of the way there. These figures are still available.

DeBolle stated that Rochester Hills is very strong in wanting our entire mill and that they are willing to go to other municipalities and townships such as Auburn Hills to see if they can get them to come in.

DeBolle made reference to the suggestion made awhile ago regarding \$500 already allocated in the budget allowing us to hire an attorney to discuss the potential land purchase. Both Balian and Barlow are going to try to obtain some names of potential contacts. Another special meeting should follow.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Orion Township - Pauline Barlow (Meeting is tonight)

Rochester Hills - Elenora DeBolle

- June 14 Meeting

- 1). New, revised employment policy manual completed
- 2). Budget - Oakland Township (current May) 52 new cards
(May, 1992) 36 new cards
(Fiscal Year)
to date 518 new cards
- 3). Tienken Road Property Easement discussions - negotiating to sell easement property at \$1/sq. ft. along this strip.
- 4). Huron Valley voted to not become a member of WOLF. If this 1 year trial does not work, Rochester Hills will return to METRO NET & Huron Valley would be a big addition to haat. METRO NET is not dead, just in abeyance.
- 5). Discussion regarding Oakland Township contract expiration. Rochester Hills has agreed to provide continuing services under terms of old contract until the present contract is signed. They've agreed not to cancel us for the time being.

- July 12 Meeting

- 1). Budget - Oakland Township (current June) 63 new cards
(June, 1992) 45 new cards
(Fiscal Year)
to date 581 new cards
- 2). Looking for someone to run for vacant seat on WOLF Board
- 3). Budget (draft) to be published in paper. Based on 100% of our mill and based on library being closed Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9a.m. - 1 p.m. and open Sundays, beginning after Labor Day and continuing until Memorial Day. Only closed on certain holidays.
- 4). Oakland proposed budget - \$237,800, compared to presently \$221,000.
- 5). Still negotiating price for easement
- 6). Sub-committee members names and addresses available.
- 7). Self-Checkout - Still in planning stages. Would be a good budget savings
- 8). DeBolle has names and addresses of Board of Trustees.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Barlow reports that the Youth Book Sale did well. \$2,600 was their profit.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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