

Approved Minutes of the
Chesterfield Township Library
Regular Board Meeting
March 17, 2021

Library Board President, Murney Bell, called the meeting to order remotely via WebEx for the Chesterfield Twp. Library, located at 50560 Patricia Avenue, Chesterfield Township, MI at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Murney Bell attending from Chesterfield Township, Macomb County, Michigan
Annette Goike attending from Chesterfield Township, Macomb County, Michigan
Stephen Bawks attending from Chesterfield Township, Macomb County, Michigan
Troy Cunningham attending from Chesterfield Township, Macomb County, Michigan
Megan Rock attending from Chesterfield Township, Macomb County, Michigan

ALSO PRESENT:

Elizabeth Madson, Library Director; David Joseph, Chesterfield Township Liaison

ABSENT:

Heather Morrison

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Trustee Goike to approve the meeting agenda. Support by Trustee Cunningham.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Murney Bell: Aye
Annette Goike: Aye
Sephen Bawks: Aye
Troy Cunningham: Aye
Megan Rock: Aye
NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Approval of Consent Agenda:

The Consent Agenda contained minutes for the February 17, 2021 meeting, Cash Flow Summary for January 2021, Expense Report for February 2021, YTD Budget Report for February 2021, Director's Report, Statistical Report for February 2021, ALA Acclaims Re-introduction of Build America's Libraries Act press release, United for Libraries Learning Live virtual series information on "Building Support for the Build America's Libraries Act," obituary for former library board trustee, Ralph E. Musilli, and the ALA Library Recovery Funding Summary. Motion by Trustee Goike to approve the Consent Agenda, with support by Trustee Cunningham.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Murney Bell: Aye
Annette Goike: Aye
Sephen Bawks: Aye

APPROVED

Troy Cunningham: Aye

Megan Rock: Aye

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Action Item 6A - "Resolution Submitting Library Millage Proposal" - Motion by Trustee Goike with support by Trustee Bawks to approve the Resolution Submitting Library Millage Proposal as submitted to read: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The following proposition be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the Charter Township of Chesterfield, County of Macomb, Michigan, at the election to be held by the Township on Tuesday, August 3, 2021:

Library Millage Proposal

Shall the limitation on taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Charter Township of Chesterfield, County of Macomb, Michigan, be increased in an amount not to exceed 1.00 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of twenty (20) years, 2021 to 2040, inclusive, as new additional millage, in order to provide library funds for all library purposes authorized by law for the Chesterfield Township Library, including the costs associated with acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping a library facility? If approved and levied in its entirety in 2021, this millage would raise an estimated \$1,803,677 for the Library.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Murney Bell: Aye

Annette Goike: Aye

Stephen Bawks: Aye

Troy Cunningham: Aye

Megan Rock: Aye

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT

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David Joseph, Township Liaison, responded to Library Board questions regarding township funding via the state based on census data, past growth and anticipated future growth of the Township, how national retailers look at demographics of the community that they're going to be building in including the educational level of the community, and household income. Do we have book stores in the Township? Do we have a library that is the size to service the community? The answer's no. If your library system is inadequate, if your parks and recs are inadequate, your ability to attract new residents of a higher education and household income level are going to suffer. Bringing the library in, and I agree with you 100%, is a very bold moment for this library board. It is a bold initiative. I did not like the idea of a millage in perpetuity. I think your ability to go out and say that this millage is intended to be 20 years because at that point we'll have satisfactorily paid off construction and transitioned into the new facility, then we can take a look at what we anticipate the needs of the community are at the 20-year mark. But coming out of the gate with a millage in perpetuity would have been a mistake. I agree that a 20-year proposal is perfect. The 1 mill is adequate and when you look at all the costs associated with the construction and ongoing, and lastly the township is not fully developed, not even close. And I think with the increase of new residential and businesses coming in a new library is most appropriate. Kudos to Ms. Goike and Ms. Madson for the delivery of this, and the way that you've gone about it. I think it's been very comprehensive and just a great process in terms of bringing to the people exactly what it is that you think this township needs. Joseph shared details on the ongoing process of the rotation of sidewalk improvements and repairs. Very bold moment for the library board. I applaud you for all the work that you've done.

Adjournment:

Motion by Trustee Goike with support by Trustee Rock to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Murney Bell: Aye

Annette Goike: Aye

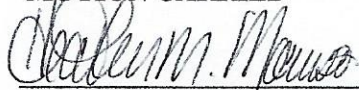
Stephen Bawks: Aye

Troy Cunningham: Aye

Megan Rock: Aye

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED



Heather Morrison, Secretary

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED