

**Your Home Public Library Board of Trustees
Special Meeting**

Meeting Minutes May 5, 2015

Attendees: Director Tillinghast, L. Bryan, R. Deemie, S. Maximiek, D. Bartlow, E.D. Knight

Guests: none

Call to Order: 6:32 p.m.

Receiving of Visitors: John Roby, Barbara Williamson

A. This emergency meeting is in request for a formal response to the monies that are referred to in the January 20, 2015 Village Board Meeting Minutes. Discussion of the request for a formal response regarding the “interfund transfer.”

The meeting started with a quick update regarding the status of the Joint Meetings with the Village regarding the Library account, as this is part of the discussion regarding the monies. The next meeting is scheduled June 23rd. L. Bryan and R. Deemie are still working to see where the health insurance payments have been “credited” back into the Library’s budget. They are also still unclear as why the village transfer of \$100,000 is only showing up in Library’s checking account and not in the fund balance. (See attached Notes)

The Board then reviewed the response letter and discussed revisions. D. Knight moved to accept the letter as revised; R. Deemie seconded. Board accepted. L. Bryan will revise the letter and communicate with YHPL attorney before sending it out.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

Notes

Options facing the Library Board:

- It is understood that the village is feeling anxious over this interfund transfer that was done without the approval of the library board, as admitted by Village Clerk/Treasurer, Tom Johnson, at the February meeting. If they do not receive the monies back by the end of May, a question may be raised in the village audit.
- Should we pay the village \$100,000 per their request?
 - Yes, if we can complete the review to the satisfaction of the library board of trustees AND it is found that the monies are due to the village. This means that all expenditures made from the library funds were “something of value”. Those are key words. While we did not receive vouchers for things like the utilities, the criterion that we must use is “something of value.”
 - No if we cannot engage with the village to jointly continue this informal review. If they cannot engage with library trustees, we cannot arbitrarily pay an amount that is determined solely by the village.
- What are the consequences of either decision?
 - If we DO pay, there is a grave concern that we will not get to the bottom of this issue. While I understand that the mayor has guaranteed that the village will pay the library back monies that are owed, even at this stage with our limited information, there needs to be an acknowledgement of the differential due to monies still in the accounts and due to the monies that must be from the payroll deductions that were placed in trust.
 - If we DON'T pay, there is the grave concern that we could be defending ourselves in a lawsuit with the village, something we are trying very hard to avoid. This is why our actions must be understood and agreed upon by every member of the library board.