

**WOODRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING
August 17, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

President Majewski called the regular monthly meeting of the Woodridge Public Library Board to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

The following trustees were present: Staszak, Heneghan, Whiteside, James, Majewski

Absent: Bloom, Thompson

Also present: Pam Dubé, Library Director
Patti Naisbitt, PR & Program Coordinator
Deb Fowler, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES

MOTION by Trustee Staszak, second by Trustee Heneghan to approve the July 20, 2022 minutes of the regular meeting of the Library Board.

AYES: Staszak, Heneghan, Whiteside, James, Majewski
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

No one from the public attended or submitted comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Trustee Whiteside, second by Trustee Staszak to approve Items A, B, C, & D of the Consent Agenda.

- A. Library Payroll for the month of July 2022 in the amount of \$130,862.31
- B. Personnel Report for the month of July indicating 2 staffing changes
- C. Bank Register Report 7/1/22-7/31/22, totaling \$130,280.33
- D. Invoice Expense Allocation Report for Invoices paid in July 2022

AYES: Whiteside, Staszak, Heneghan, James, Majewski
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS WITH NO ACTION

Library Director's Report

Director Dubé reported the summer reading programs did well. There were major increases in participation. The Children's Summer Reading Program had a 46% increase, the Adult Reading Program had a 44% increase, and the Teen Summer Reading Program had a 70% increase. The visits to the schools assisted with increased participation.

Local author Jo Fredell Higgins wrote and released her latest book *Images of America: Woodridge*. The Library has several copies on hand and they are regularly checked out. While working on the book she received assistance from our Adult & Teen Services Manager, George

Kalinka and his staff particularly with the photos. The current photo of the Library Board is also included in the book.

Praise was given to Mary Ann Steinhaus for her work in soliciting donations from area businesses for prizes for our Children's Summer Reading Program participants.

Monthly Statistical Reports

A positive comment was made about the 33% increase in the juvenile books circulated over the summer months.

Income Statement as of July 31, 2022

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Majewski said to keep up the good work. He thanked Library staff and fellow Trustees for their continued efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

FY2023 Preliminary Budget Discussion

Director Dubé started the discussion of the preliminary FY2023 budget by talking about the tax cap and how the Library typically follows the tax cap, even though we are a home rule community and not required to do so. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate of inflation dictates the tax cap, which is a logical benchmark for budgeting purposes. This year the CPI rate of inflation is 7%. If we follow the tax cap, our levy will increase by 5% or \$195,063. If we follow the CPI rate of inflation, our levy will increase by 7% or \$273,089. Since inflation is affecting everything from capital projects to salaries to contracts in our budget, the CPI number is what will keep our budget stable and able to continue our services at the same level. The consensus of the Board is to follow the CPI rate of inflation and a 7% levy increase. There was more discussion on line items in the budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

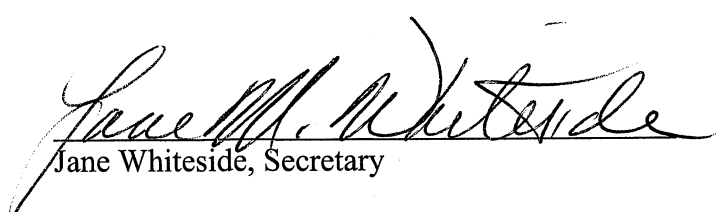
ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment there was some discussion on a California initiative where Facebook Oculus donated virtual reality headsets, controllers and computers to 90 libraries statewide as part of a new pilot program to bridge the digital divide.

Motion by Trustee James, second by Trustee Staszak to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm.

AYES:	James, Staszak, Heneghan, Whiteside, Majewski
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN	None

These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees.


Jane Whiteside, Secretary

9-21-2022
Date

Debra Fowler, Recording Secretary