

Viola Public Library District

1701 17th St. Viola, IL 61486

Regular Meeting

September 1, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.

Present: Sandy Cook, President

Rich Lawson, Vice President

Mindi Schultz, Treasurer

Linda Engels, Secretary

Annette Essary

Barb Harrison

Mike DeLoose

Lill Batson, Director

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public are invited to speak to the Board of Trustees. Please identify yourself when called upon. Comments are to be limited to three (3) minutes or less. In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, actions may not be taken on items not already on the agenda, but action may be deferred to a later Board meeting at the discretion of the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mindi Schultz presented the treasurer's report. Barb Harrison moved to accept the report as presented with Rich Lawson seconding. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The secretary's report was reviewed. Linda Engels made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Mindi Schultz seconded. Motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Lill reported that the library numbers are still good. She informed the board that a snake was outside the main doors by the book return. A snake skin is all that is left. Lill also brought up First Amendment Audits being performed in libraries. Someone comes in with a cell phone or camera to record what is going on at the library. While we cannot stop this from happening, we may need to write a new photography policy for the library to protect the rights of patrons.

OLD BUSINESS:

LAWSUIT

Lill reported there is no update on the lawsuit.

SELLING OLD LIBRARY BUILDING

The board discussed whether to approach the village board to see if there was still interest in purchasing the old library building. Mindi Schultz made a motion for Lill to reach out to the mayor. Annette Essary seconded. Motion passed.

FY21 ANNUAL REPORT ? FINAL ACTION

Lill presented the annual report for FY21. After reviewing it, Mindi Schultz moved to accept the annual report as presented. Rich Lawson seconded. Motion passed.

SECURITY CAMERA POLICY

The board made the following change to the policy: recordings will be kept for 30 days, unless the disc is full at which time the oldest recording will be replaced with the newest. Rich Lawson moved to accept the policy with that change. Mike DeLoose seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

FY22 TAX LEVY ? FINAL ACTION

The tax levy was presented for review. Annette Essary moved to approve the FY22 tax levy. Linda Engels seconded. Motion passed

FY22 BUILDING & MAINTENANCE TAX ? FINAL ACTION

Lill presented the building and maintenance tax levy for approval. Rich Lawson moved to approve the levy with Annette Essary seconding. Motion passed.

CHAIN LINK FENCING

Lill brought up the possibility of replacing the chain link fencing on the west side of the building. She also brought up extending the fencing down the south side of the parking lot. After some discussion, Lill was asked to talk to Bill McMeekan regarding the possibility of grading the south part of the parking lot so it slopes to the south. Rich Lawson will check with the village to see if they will give the library some guardrails to put in front of any fencing that is installed to protect the fencing from damage due to snow plowing.

WATERHOG RUGS FOR DOORS

Lill brought up purchasing waterhog rugs for the doors to help catch any snow/ice/salt this winter and protect the carpeting. After some discussion, Annette Essary suggested Lill check with Cintas to see what it might cost to rent rugs that are changed out weekly.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Lill was asked to check with Skinner Landscaping to see about being put on the list for snowplowing this winter.

Mindi Schultz made a motion to close the meeting with Linda Engels seconding. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm. Next regular meeting is October 6, 2021 at 6pm.