

Franklin Park Public Library District
Regular Board Meeting of February 13, 2024

The Board meeting was called to order by Board President Grieashamer at 7:44PM.

Board members present: Betsy Chaidez, Kay Frey, Frank Grieashamer, Tina Hagerstrom, Jeremy Mazur, Michael Vallone, Teresita Zaretsky

Board members absent: None

Staff members present: Vanessa Morrison, Executive Director, Marcin Wrobel, Assistant Director/Head of Public Services, Michelle Mitchell, Administrative Services Manager

Also present: Kelly Zabinski, Accounting Consultant and two members of the public.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Disposition of Minutes

Frey and Mazur seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 13, 2024 be approved.

Motion #1 carried. Voice vote: Aye – 7, Nay - 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0.

Financial Reports and Approval of Expenditures

Vallone read the financial reports. Mazur moved and Zaretsky seconded that checks #25662 to #25707 and seven direct debits were issued in the month of January totaling \$79,604.13. Payroll checks in the amount of \$63,207.82 with \$2,3546.09 taxes and \$1,164.42 in other withholdings were issued in January. A payment of \$4,343.15 was issued to IMRF for the December withholdings. The warrant shows a total disbursement for operations of \$171,865.61. Motion #2 carried: Chaidez – Aye, Frey – Aye, Grieashamer – Aye, Hagerstrom – Aye, Mazur – Aye, Vallone – Aye, Zaretsky - Aye. Nay - 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0.

Communications

None.

Committee Reports

None.

Executive Director and Staff Reports

Morrison's written report to the Board was included in the Board packet along with Circulation Services, Public Services, and Technical Services department reports.

New Business

Ratification of New Hire – Public Services

The hiring of Victor Uruchima, Public Services Assistant Librarian II, stands to be approved. Frey moved and Mazur seconded the hiring. Motion #4 carried. Chaidez – Aye, Frey – Aye, Grieashamer – Aye, Hagerstrom – Aye, Mazur – Aye, Vallone – Aye, Zaretsky - Aye. Nay - 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0.

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Downtown TIF Extension Request

Frey moved and Hagerstrom seconded that a letter of support be drafted by Morrison in support of the Village of Franklin Park extending the term of the downtown TIF to December 31, 2034. Motion #5 carried. Chaidez – Aye, Frey – Aye, Grieashamer – Aye, Hagerstrom – Aye, Mazur – Aye, Vallone – Aye, Zaretsky - Aye. Nay - 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0.

Library Hours

A 9:00AM opening and expansion of library service hours was proposed. Monday, April 1 was suggested as a start date for the new hours in order to allow time to get staff acclimated and advertise in the April/May/June newsletter. Grieashamer moved and Frey seconded the proposal. Motion #6 carried. Chaidez – Aye, Frey – Aye, Grieashamer – Aye, Hagerstrom – Aye, Mazur – Aye, Vallone – Aye, Zaretsky - Aye. Nay - 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0.

Meeting Room Dedication

The Board discussed dedicating the large meeting room in honor of Marie Saeli, former library director.

Unfinished Business

Annex

There was no report.

Taxing Issue

There was no report.

Tuition Reimbursement Policy

The Board reviewed the policy again, and revisions were requested.

Closed/Executive Session

A closed session was not held.

Adjournment

Zaretsky moved and Frey seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion #7 carried. Voice vote: Aye– 7, Nay - 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.