

Clinton-Macomb Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2020

- I. **Call to Order** – The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library was called to order at 6:31 p.m., February 19, 2020 in the Board Room, 40900 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township, Michigan. The presiding officer was Camille Silda.
- A quorum was present, including the following: Barbara Brown (via telephone); Cheryl Cannon; Michael Lotito; Elizabeth Pugh; Peter Ruggirello; Camille Silda; and Ex-officio Larry Neal.
- Trustees Fred Gibson, Jr. and Amy Wille were excused.
- Guests Aaron Phillips and Ashley Roberts from McCarthy & Smith and Benjamin Telian from Quinn Evans were attendance.
- II. **Adoption of the Agenda** – On a motion from Ms Pugh and seconded by Mr. Lotito the agenda was adopted as amended adding, “VIII. Other Business, Item D. FOIA request.”
- III. **New North Branch Update** – Mr. Phillips, Ms Roberts and Mr. Telian presented an update on the progress of the new North Branch.
- On a motion from Mr. Lotito and seconded by Ms Pugh the prime contract change order #001 in the amount of \$76,480.25 was approved as presented.
- Mr. Phillips, Ms Roberts and Mr. Telian left the meeting at 7:27 p.m.
- IV. **Approval of Consent Agenda Items** – On a motion from Mr. Lotito and seconded by Mr. Ruggirello the Consent Agenda items were approved/received and filed:
- January 15, 2020 board meeting minutes
 - January 2020 treasurer’s report
 - Thank you letter from Clinton Tonship Goodfellows
 - Letter to Tammy and David Hammacher regarding donation
 - Letter to Catherine Mazzola regarding donation
 - Letter to Rae and Jeff Mandel notifying of donations
 - Letter to Linda Brown regarding donation
 - Letter to Tim and Colleen Rocker regarding donation
 - Letter to Marisa Palmeri regarding conduct
 - Letter banning unnamed minor due to conduct
 - Letter to Ken Steele regarding donation
 - Letter banning minor customer due to conduct
 - Email response to Open the Books FOIA request
 - February 2020 *Library Matters Monthly*
 - MLBPH@CMPL winter 2020 *Reading Is for Everyone*
 - January 2020 *Digital Download*

- January 2020 *Tips for Top-Notch Teachers*
- January 2020 *CMPL's Early Lit*
- Customer comment cards
- Press coverage

V. **Approval of Monthly Bills** – On a motion from Mr. Lotito and seconded by Mrs. Silda the January checks totaling \$250,213.52 and electronic payments totaling \$367,766.09 were approved.

On a motion from Mr. Lotito and seconded by Mrs. Silda the January new North Branch bond fund checks totaling \$15,427.80 and electronic payments totaling \$671,573.09 were approved.

VI. **Public Comment** – There were no members of the public present.

VII. **Reports** –

Library Director – The report was received, reviewed and filed.

VIII. **Other Business** –

Approval to serve alcohol at library program and fundraiser – On a motion from Mrs. Cannon and seconded by Mr. Ruggirello the serving of alcohol at a library program on March 28 and at the fundraiser on April 24 was approved.

Library board of trustee appointments – On a motion from Mr. Ruggirello and seconded by Ms Pugh the library board president will send letters to Clinton Township requesting that Cheryl Cannon and Fred Gibson, Jr., be reappointed.

Resolution to submit library millage renewal proposal – On a motion from Mr. Lotito and seconded by Ms Pugh on a unanimous roll call vote the following resolution was approved:

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library, County of Macomb, Michigan (the “Library”) determines that it is necessary for the continued operation of the Library that taxes assessed against taxable property in the Library District be levied in an amount not to exceed .3775 mills (\$0.3775 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 8 years, beginning in the year 2022 and ending in the year 2029, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for Library purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The following millage proposal shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the Library District, at a special election to be held in conjunction with the State Primary election on Tuesday, August 4, 2020:

Library Millage Proposal

This proposal authorizes Clinton-Macomb Public Library to continue to levy up to 0.3775 mills for library purposes for 8 years as a renewal of millage previously approved by the electors in 2014, which expires with the 2021 tax levy.

As a renewal of previously authorized millage, shall the Clinton-Macomb Public Library levy taxes in an amount not to exceed .3775 mills (\$0.3775 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) on taxable property within the Clinton-Macomb Public Library District for a period of 8 years, beginning in the year 2022 and ending in the year 2029, inclusive, to provide funds for Library purposes? It is estimated that .3775 mills would raise approximately \$2,449,125 when first levied in 2022.

2. The County Clerk of the County of Macomb, pursuant to the Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954, as amended, MCL § 168.1 et seq., and the District Library Establishment Act, Act 24 of 1989, as amended, MCL § 397.171 et seq., shall post and publish or cause to be posted and published notice of registration and of the election in the manner required by law.

3. The County Clerk of the County of Macomb is hereby directed to post and publish or cause to be posted and published notice of the election in the manner required by law.

4. The Secretary of the Board shall work with the Macomb County Election Commission to have prepared and printed as provided by

law, ballots for submitting said proposition, or said proposition shall be stated as a separate proposition on the voting machines.

5. The Treasurer of the Library is hereby directed to pay the costs of publishing and posting the notices required by this resolution.

6. Certified copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the County Clerk of the County of Macomb and the clerk of each local unit of government within the Library District charged with conducting elections.

7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

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FOIA request – Mr. Neal shared a FOIA request regarding any alternative or future non-library uses and design inspiration of the new North Branch. The request will be responded to as follows:

“In response to your FOIA request received on February 16, 2020, to the best of my knowledge the library does not have any public records to disclose. That said, I would like to ensure that you have accurate, factual information regarding the design and purpose of the new North Branch library.

The new North Branch building has been designed for the exclusive purpose of serving as a high quality public library branch for current and future generations of residents for decades to come. Should for any reason it cease to function as a library, the deed stipulates that ownership of the property and building revert to Macomb Township. The design was discussed and unanimously approved in open public meetings by the Clinton-Macomb Public Library Board; the Macomb Township Town Center Committee, which has strict architectural control over buildings in the Macomb Town Center; and the Macomb Township Board. Inspiration for the design of the building came from Monticello, the Library of Congress, the Cranbrook Institute of Science, and numerous Carnegie libraries typical of the architectural era that Macomb Township is attempting to recall. Materials, colors and design elements were selected to harmonize with the other two municipal buildings and to ensure proper proportions and contextual appropriateness to the Town Center. Quinn Evans is a nationally renowned architectural firm with an extensive portfolio that includes numerous public library and landmark historical

building projects such as the Michigan state capitol and Michigan Central Station Train Depot.”

- IX. **Adjournment** – On a motion from Mrs. Brown and seconded by Ms Pugh the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Approved: May 20, 2020
Elizabeth Pugh, Secretary