

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
RITTER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Ritter Public Library convened in regular session at 7:00 PM in the Ritter Public Library Community Room and via Zoom. Warden called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Lois Arnold	Present
Eileen Bulan	Present
Chad Coolidge	Present
Zack Dolyk	Present
Pam Reese	Present
Sarah Ross	Present
Marie Warden	Present

Employees: C. Springer, J. Walk, F. Ostrander, A. Folley

Visitors:

Certification of Notification:

Walk certified that a notice of the meeting had been published in the May 6, 2021 edition of the *Vermilion Photojournal*. In addition, to the Ritter Public Library social media outlets and Library Website.

Approval of Minutes:

Bulan moved that the April 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes be approved as presented, and Arnold seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

None

Public Comment:

None

Facility Report:

Ostrander reviewed the Facility Manager's report (attached).

Also discussed new issues with the HVAC. A Valent air control needs replaced. Current quote is at \$11,050.00.

Discussed different options for repair. Ostrander would also like to have it tied into our security system.

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Warden moved to approve to award Westland with the contract quote, not to exceed \$15,000.00 that will be paid through the Building Fund, and Reese seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Walk reviewed the Director's report (attached).

Financial Report:

Springer reviewed the Fiscal Officer's report (attached).

Reese moved to accept the financials as presented, and Ross seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee:

The Personnel Committee needs to meet again before reports can be made.

New Business:

RESOLUTION 2021-LEVY TO ELECTORS

The Board of Library Trustees ("Board") of the Ritter Public Library ("Library"), a free public library of the Vermilion Local School District ("School District"), located in Erie and Lorain Counties, Ohio, met in regular session on May 11, 2021 at 7:00 P.M., at the Library, located at 5680 Liberty Avenue, Vermilion, Ohio 44089, with the following Board members present:

Lois Arnold
Eileen Bulan
Chad Coolidge
Zack Dolyk
Pam Reese
Sarah Ross
Marie Warden

Marie Warden introduced and moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT, LOCATED IN ERIE AND LORAIN COUNTIES, OHIO, TO

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SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF A RENEWAL OF A 0.625-MILL TAX LEVY FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE RITTER PUBLIC LIBRARY PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03, 5705.23, AND 5705.25 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

WHEREAS, at the election held on November 6, 2012, the electors of the Vermilion School District approved a 0.625-mill levy for the purpose of the current expenses of the Ritter Public Library for ten years, which levy will have its last collection in calendar year 2022; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2021, the Board adopted a Resolution of Necessity, declaring it necessary to renew 0.625-mill tax levy upon its expiration to provide for the current expenses of the Library and requesting the Erie County Auditor to certify the current tax valuation of the subdivision and the amount of revenue that would be generated by a renewal of the 0.625-mill levy; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Auditor has certified that such tax will generate \$283,740 throughout the life of the levy, based on the current tax valuation of the School District of \$492,141,980.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Library Trustees of the Ritter Public Library, located in Erie and Lorain Counties, Ohio, two-thirds of all the members appointed thereto concurring, that:

SECTION 1. The Library is a free public library established prior to September 4, 1947 by the Board of Education of the Vermilion Local School District to serve the residents of the School District.

SECTION 2. The Board hereby finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements for the Library, and it is necessary to renew, for a period of ten years, the existing 0.625-mill tax levy outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purposes of the current expenses of the Library.

SECTION 3. The renewal levy shall be at a rate of 0.625 mills for each dollar of valuation, which amounts to six and one quarter cents (\$0.0625) for each one hundred dollars (\$100) of valuation, for ten (10) years, to be placed on the tax list and duplicate in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023, if a majority of the electors vote in favor thereof.

SECTION 4. The Board requests that the Board of Education of the Vermilion Local School District approve a resolution pursuant to Chapter 5705 of the Ohio Revised Code, including without limitation R.C. 5705.23, to submit to the entire territory of the School District the question of the renewal of the 0.625 mill tax levy for current expenses of the Library, for a period of 10

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years, to be placed on the tax list and duplicate in 2022, first due in calendar year 2023, at the election to be held on November 2, 2021.

SECTION 5. The Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed to deliver or cause to this Resolution to be delivered to the Vermilion Local School District Board of Education, and upon passage of the requested resolution by the Vermilion Local School District Board of Education, cause to be delivered a certified copy of all applicable Resolutions and the Auditor's Certification to the Board of Elections of Erie County as soon as practicable, and not later than August 4, 2021.

SECTION 6. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Bulan seconded the resolution and the roll called upon its adoption. The vote resulted as follows:
Arnold – Aye; Bulan – Aye; Coolidge – Aye; Dolyk – Aye; Reese – Aye; Ross – Aye; Warden – Aye.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Strategic Plan:

Discussed the Strategic Planning framework. Walk and/or Jeff Valus will return during the June, 2021 meeting to present options to the Board for interior changes. The Board will meet in the next couple of weeks to discuss the plan further.

Move to Adjourn: Dolyk moved to adjourn, and Reese seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41PM.

The meeting was adjourned until June 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Ritter Public Library and Zoom.

Caroline Springer
Fiscal Officer

Marie Warden
President – Board of Trustees