

**Rochester Hills Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting**

November 8, 2021

- I. The Board of Trustees of the Rochester Hills Public Library held a regular meeting on Monday, November 8, 2021 in the boardroom of the library. The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The presiding officer was Robert Bonam.

A quorum of the board was present including Robert Bonam, Anne Kucher, Madge Lawson, and Suba Subbarao. Chuck Stouffer cited a medical reason for not attending in-person and called in remotely from a location in Oakland County. Gregg Christenson joined the meeting at 7:15pm.

Guests included Library Director Juliane Morian and Oakland Township Liaison Michael Tyler.

Members of the public who attended included Derek Brown, RHPL Director of IT, Tiffany Dziurman Stozicki, RHPL Public Relations Manager. At 7:35pm, incoming Library Board Trustee Melinda Deel joined the meeting along with Ryan Deel, former library board trustee and current Rochester Hills City Council President.

- II. Public Comments
 - A. There was no public comment.
- III. Presentations – Derek Brown, Director of IT provided an overview of an address data correction project and an update on cybersecurity at RHPL.
 - A. Derek Brown and Tiffany Stozicki left the meeting at the conclusion of the presentation.
- IV. Minutes –
 - A. On a motion by Ms. Kucher, which Ms. Subbarao seconded, the board discussed the minutes from October 11th.
 1. Mr. Tyler requested that item VII. A. 3. on the minutes be expanded to include the card adoption rates for the City of Rochester Hills and City of Rochester (59% and 61% respectively) as well.
 2. The board unanimously approved the regular meeting minutes of October 11, 2021 as corrected with no further discussion.
 - B. On a motion by Mr. Christenson, seconded by Ms. Lawson, the board unanimously approved minutes from the special meeting on November 1, 2021 with no discussion.
- V. Treasurer’s Report was reviewed and filed.
- VI. On a motion by Ms. Subbarao, which Mr. Stouffer seconded, the board unanimously approved the monthly bills for October 2021 totaling \$384,176.67 without discussion.
- VII. Communications

- A. The board reviewed and filed the communications with no discussion.

VIII. Director's Report and Statistical Report

- A. The board reviewed and filed the director's report and statistical report with minor discussion.
 - 1. Ms. Morian stated that the MI-OSHA emergency rules regarding vaccine mandates for employers in Michigan has not been released yet.
 - 2. Mr. Tyler requested that staff continue to monitor the statistical report since he would have expected circulation numbers to increase concurrent with the increase in library in-person visits.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

- 1. Finance committee reported on their email discussion of the parking lot project bids and the trustees' recommendation to expedite a portion of the work in fall of 2021. Reasons cited for the recommendation were a concern over the small sinkhole that is forming in the south lot and accelerating work in the south lot to avoiding repairing both parking lots simultaneously, which could be an inconvenience to patrons.

B. Director's Evaluation Committee

- 1. On a motion by Mr. Christenson, which Ms. Kucher seconded, the board adjourned to a closed session per Ms. Morian's request to discuss the performance review (per the Michigan Open Meetings Act privilege of closed session for personnel business).

A roll call vote was taken: Bonam-Aye, Christenson-Aye, Kucher-Aye, Lawson-Aye, Subbarao-Aye, Stouffer-Aye. Passed 6 to 0.

- 2. The closed session convened at 8:10pm.
- 3. The closed session adjourned at 8:34pm.
- 4. The regular meeting resumed at 8:36pm.

- C. Nominating Committee – Mr. Bonam announced that he had formed the ad hoc Nominating committee and conferred with Ms. Kucher for input. He intends to offer a slate of board officers at the December meeting.

X. Other Business

- A. The board unanimously passed a resolution in honor of Mr. Christenson's service as a trustee for the past six years.
- B. The board unanimously passed a resolution in honor of Ms. Subbarao's service as a trustee for over three years.
- C. Board Comments
 - 1. Mr. Bonam thanked both trustees for their contribution to RHPL and other board members concurred.

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2. Ms. Kucher stated she will be absent for the January monthly meeting.
3. Mr. Stouffer apologized for his limited availability but stated he intends to be present at future meetings.

XI. Questions from the Liaisons

- A. There were no additional questions.

XII. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Anne Kucher, Secretary