

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

October 8, 2024

- I. The Board of Trustees of the Rochester Hills Public Library held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2024. The President called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm in the boardroom of the library. The presiding officer was Melinda Deel.

A quorum of the board was present including Bob Bonam, Melinda Deel, Anne Kucher, Madge Lawson, Julianne Reyes, and Harper West.

Guests included Library Director Juliane Morian, City of Rochester Liaison, Lauren Coleman, and Oakland Township Library Board President, Mark Gerhard.

Additional members of the Oakland Township Library Board included Marissa Kallie, Oakland Township Library Board Secretary and Henry Carels, Oakland Township Library Board member.

One member of the public was in attendance. An additional member of the public entered the meeting at 8:22pm.

- II. Public Comments

- A. Scott Votaw, a resident of Rochester Hills, thanked Ms. Morian for thoroughly and promptly answering a list of questions he had about library operations and specifically about the outreach vehicles. He expressed a desire that RHPL clearly demonstrate the objectives of early literacy outreach before purchasing a new early literacy bus.
- B. Mr. Gerhard stated that there is a lot of passion and concern among residents of Oakland Township regarding potential loss of library privileges at the RHPL. He is eager to read the new library agreement and seeks a solution that allows Oakland Township residents to keep library privileges with RHPL. He stated that he hoped the two entities could start fresh with new discussions. He confirmed that the Oakland Township Library Board will engage a new attorney to handle contract review and that the board is still evaluating vendor proposals for a full survey of residents to understand their desire to have library service.
- C. Ms. Deel thanked the three members of the Oakland Township Library Board for coming to the RHPL board meeting tonight and said she is optimistic about the future of a partnership between Oakland Township and the RHPL.

- III. Approval of Agenda

- A. On a motion by Mr. Bonam, which Ms. Lawson seconded, the board unanimously approved the agenda as presented with no discussion.

- IV. Minutes

- A. On a motion by Ms. West, which Mr. Bonam seconded, the board unanimously approved the regular meeting minutes from September 10, 2024 with no discussion.

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- B. On a motion by Mr. Bonam, which Ms. Reyes seconded, the board unanimously approved the special meeting minutes from September 25, 2024, with no discussion.

- V. Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed.

- VI. Monthly Bills
 - A. On a motion by Mr. Bonam, which Ms. Kucher seconded, the board unanimously approved paying the monthly bills for September 2024, which totaled \$380,939.24.

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

- VIII. Director's Reports
 - A. The board reviewed and filed the director's report and statistical report with no significant discussion.

- IX. Committee Reports
 - A. The RHPL Policy Committee submitted a first reading of the GOV-8 Environmental Impact Policy. The board engaged in a discussion regarding the first point which stated that the Library shall comply with all applicable environmental regulations and laws. The board debated if that statement was necessary because other policies require the board to comply with all federal, state, and local laws.
 - B. Centennial - Ms. Morian provided an update on the Centennial Gala program and time capsule elements.

- X. Other Business
 - A. The board engaged in a discussion with the Oakland Township Library Board liaison and City of Rochester library liaison on the best way to answer questions by each municipality once the new library agreement is distributed. The board discussed the merits of a working group (avoiding full quorum of any legislative body) that may be beneficial as a first meeting and then involving attorneys once needed.

- XI. Board Comments – none for the month

- XII. Questions and Comments from the Liaisons
 - A. Mr. Gerhard reiterated that it would be good to move ahead with a small workgroup that could discuss the library agreement that RHPL will submit to them in the next few weeks. He stated that he values improved communication moving forward between both boards.
 - B. Ms. Coleman stated that a sit-down meeting with members of the Rochester City Council and RHPL stakeholders would be beneficial once the new agreement has been issued.

- XIII. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:34pm

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Anne Kucher, Secretary