

ANNUAL MEETING
DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
January 18, 2018

Board of Trustees Members Attending: Joann Osborne, Jericho, chair; Elisabeth Lehr, Jericho; Bill McMains, Jericho; Sven Lindholm, Jericho; Sue Vaughn, Jericho; Anne Exler, Underhill; Connell Gallagher, Underhill; Kristie Kapusta, Underhill; Laura Wolf, Underhill.

Library Director: Holly Hall

Called to Order: 7:00 pm

Ms. Osborne introduced the Board of Trustees members and the library director.
Mr. Wilson read the warning.

Article 1. Election of a Moderator.

Bob Robbins nominated Bill Wilson. No other nominations were made and the clerk was instructed to cast a single ballot for Mr. Wilson.

Article 2. Act on the Report of the Trustees.

Motion made by Gail Schermer and **seconded** by David Osborne to accept the report of the trustees. There was no further discussion.

Mr. Wilson called for a vote on the motion. **Vote: Motion approved unanimously with no comments.**

Article 3. Shall the District authorize the Trustees to borrow money for the temporary needs of the District?

Motion was made by Nancy Gallagher and **seconded** by Barb Adams.

Mr. Robbins asked if this was for the purposes of cash flow. Ms. Hall responded that it was.

Mr. Wilson called for a vote on the motion. **Vote: Motion approved unanimously with comments as noted.**

Article 4. Adoption of a budget.

Motion was made by David Osborne and **seconded** by Gail Schermer.

Mr. Robbins asked why the carry-over is so much higher than last year. Ms. Hall answered that it reflects money not spent in fiscal year 2016-17. One employee chose not to take benefits and another employee was on family leave for several months.

Mr. Robbins asked if the salary for staffing was due to changes in number of employees or number of hours or a normal increase in wages. Ms. Hall answered that there were no changes in number of employees or hours, but reflected a decision by the Board of Trustees to move all employees over the next couple of years to a minimum of \$15 per hour.

Ms. Adams asked what the desk clerk would earn per hour in the proposed budget to see how much more wages will have to be moved to reach the goal. Ms. Hall answered that the minimum wage currently was \$13.00 per hour.

Mr. Wilson called for a vote on the article. **Vote: Motion was approved unanimously with comments as noted.**

Article 5. Shall Article IV, Section 6 of the District Charter be amended to read “Each municipality’s assessment shall be paid to the treasurer of the District on dates mutually agreed upon by the member municipalities and the District treasurer. Each party shall give six months’ advance notice of intent to change the dates of payment. Should any member of the municipality fail to pay any periodic assessment when due, the District may charge interest for each month or fraction thereof after the date on which the assessment was due.”?

Motion was made by Bob Robbins and **seconded** by Nancy Gallagher.

Ms. Osborne stated the change was made in order to be more flexible for the towns since they have made changes to when they collected taxes in the past which did not correspond to the four times per year in the current charter. She also pointed out that the language concerning charging interest for late payment moves from the District shall charge interest to may charge interest.

A question was asked whether the towns have to sign off on this. The answer was “no”.

Mr. Wilson called for a vote on the article. **Vote: Motion was approved unanimously.**

Article 6. Other business thought proper when met.

Mr. Robbins thanked the Board and especially the staff of the library for exemplary service.

Ms. Gallagher asked if a bond attempt is being considered. Ms. Osborne answered that there is no immediate plan for this since there is a commitment from the school that if there was a decision to sell the school building next door to the library, the library would have first right to purchase the building for \$1.00 and bonding may be needed at that time for renovations of both buildings.

Ms. Gallagher commented that the events sponsored have been wonderful.

Motion made by Bob Robbins and **seconded** by Devena Fifield to adjourn.

Mr. Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.