

MINUTES

Oxford Public Library Board
Wednesday, April 18, 2012

The regular meeting of the OPL Board was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Present were Salswedel, Hoeflein, Offer, Rizzo, Davidson, Stilwell, and Director Bryan Cloutier.

Approval of the agenda: *Rizzo made the motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Offer and passed.*

Approval of minutes: *Hoeflein moved for approval of the March 2012 minutes, 2nd by Stilwell and passed.*

Communications: The Michigan Township newsletter, *The Par Plan News*, was distributed to all present.

Financial reports: *Motion by Stilwell, 2nd by Rizzo to approve the financial reports, passed by unanimous roll call vote.*

Director's report: Discussion centered on precarious finances and additional cuts in funding coming in 2013. The elimination of the personal property tax ("replace, don't erase") would severely reduce library funding; and the adoption of the "super drunk law" as a local ordinance would further impact penal fine funding.

The director has been working with Attorney Anne Seurnyck regarding millage proposal ballot language. It cannot legally be stated as a "Headlee rollback" but would be on the ballot as a new millage of .4518, bringing the millage back to the original level.

Statistically, the library has experienced significant increases in all but two categories.

Approval of bills: *Offer moved for approval of payment of bills in the amount of \$36,125.57, 2nd by Hoeflein and passed by unanimous roll call vote.*

Bryan was asked to analyze the mowing and plowing costs.

New business: 1) Glass doors at Tower: Used doors have become available free, with the library paying shipping and installation costs. *Rizzo made the motion to obtain the doors and pay shipping and installation costs not to exceed \$8,000, supported by Davidson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.*

2) Headlee override/ballot language resolution: Discussion by Tom Offer, speaking on behalf of the Budget Strategy Committee, indicated that the decision to go to the voters for a Headlee Override was a very difficult one. He cited the many cost reductions instituted by the director, staff and board members since 2007, and felt the extra .4518 millage would be the most viable long-term solution to the goal of maintaining the best public service possible.

Davidson made the motion to authorize the resolution to approve the ballot language and submit the proposal for inclusion on the primary ballot. It was 2nd by Rizzo and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

No audience.

Motion to adjourn by Hoeflein, 2nd by Davidson and passed.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 16, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Stilwell, secretary