

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
OF THE BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

A Special Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on April 23, 2018 at 6:07 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Barrington Area Library pursuant to notices sent to the Board and the press on April 16, 2018.

Present and acting as trustees were:

Donald F. Minner, President
Carolyn Welch Clifford, Vice President
Carrie Carr, Treasurer
Barbara Pintozzi, Secretary
Denise Peters, Trustee
William J. Pizzi, Trustee
Denise Tenyer, Trustee

Staff in attendance were:

Jesse Henning, Executive Director
Karen McBride, Public Information Manager
Vicki Rakowski, Head of Operations
Lisa Stordahl, Office Manager

Also in attendance were:

Janet Agnoletti	Ed Hartman	David Parro
Ellen Anderson	Linda Houde	George Peirce
Jeff Anderson	Cindy Janssen	Meg Peirce
Bob Andres	Jeff J. Janssen	Maria PetersonPet
Charlotte Baumgart	Terry Jennings	Karen Pfeifer
Trip Belleueue	Susan Julian	Rollin Potter
Dena Bellows	Ryan Julian	Beth Raseman
Peggy Blanchard	Rob Krej	Bob Rettberg
Kathleen Brady	Teresa Krej	GJ Rodosky
John Burke	Nancy Lashbrook	Liz Rodosky
Sandy Carter	Larry Lavery	Mark Rossi
Garry Carter	Marge Lavery	Todd Sholeen
Tony Ciganek	Jeff Lawler	Helen Schiewe
Dierdre Columbo-Butz	Conor Libit	Todd Shields
Bob Colvin	Melinda Lomas	Mary Sneed
Peg Cullen	Tom Long	Peggy Soboleski
James Daluga	Mary Malia	Rodger Soeldner
Karen Darch	Tom Malia	Dick Sterrott
Mary Carol Decker	Macaire Marino	Daniel Stumpo
Dave Dorn	Alex Markov	Greg Summers
Patty Dowd Schmitz	Paula McCombie	Bob Susnjara
Tim Dunn	Carol M.	Clifford Sulak
Ron Flubacker	Dan Miller	Tamara Tabel
Sibylle Fraser	Jan Miller	Bob Tikwart
Chris Garry	V. Mishaune Sawyer	Jon Vang
Tom Gilbert	Ian Monie	Patty Winston
Faitv Gohl	Amy Mykon	Jennifer Wondrasek
Dan Goitein	David Nelson	Mary Young
Bill Hartman	Sam Oliver	Diane Zelcs

President Minner began the meeting by introducing the Library's new Executive Director, Jesse Henning, and thanking the Village and public for their patience throughout the review process. He also thanked the many residents that had shared their input and opinions with the Board of Trustees over the past few years. The meeting was then opened for public comment.

With well over 100 Village employees and community members in attendance, President Minner asked those who wished to speak to keep their comments to under three minutes. There were numerous speakers on both sides of the issue. Speaking for the realignment were the following:

- Village President, Karen Darch
- Barrington Police, Chief Dave Dorn
- Barrington Fire Chief, Jim Arie
- Village Director of Development Services, Greg Summers
- Village Trustees Sholeen, Lohmeyer, Wondrasik, Janssen, Julian, and Deluga.
- Rodger Soeldner
- Dawn Emrath
- Tamara Tabel
- Tim Dunn
- David Nelson
- Annette Raisman
- Paula McCombie
- Jan Miller
- Janet Agnoletti
- Melinda Lomas
- David Parro
- David S.
- Eleanor Sweet McDonald
- David Shadrick

Speaking against the realignment as proposed were the following:

- Bob Rettberg
- Marilyn Kranz
- Mary Carol Decker
- Karen Pfeifer
- Ron Flubacker
- Bill Hartman
- Robert Frageland

In their comments, both Mr. Bob Ryan and Ms. Theresa Gaylor discussed the increase in traffic and the safety issues that come along with that. The Board thanked the public again for sharing their opinions on the realignment proposal.

After listening to public comment both for and against the realignment for over an hour, a motion was proposed by Vice President Clifford to cease negotiations with the Village of Barrington, and to decline to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the village for the purpose of selling library property to realign Lake Zurich Road. Ms. Tenyer seconded the motion. A discussion on the motion was then held with each member of the Board having the opportunity to discuss with each other, and the public, their thoughts on the realignment proposal.

Ms. Clifford began with an in-depth presentation that focused on the Library Board's legal and financial responsibilities to its taxpayers, as well as her concerns over the safety and viability of the proposed project and its impact on library operations and possible future expansion. While stating that it would be easier to say yes to this proposal, after studying all the information gathered on this topic, she was compelled to vote to cease negotiations because it was what was in the best interest of the library.

President Minner spoke next and stated that although he does not disagree with Ms. Clifford's opinions, he must listen to the people who elected him, and vote against the motion to cease negotiations.

Ms. Pintozzi spoke next and stated that she would vote to cease negotiations with the Village. She emphasized that the village had other options to improve the safety at Lake Zurich Road, especially rerouting it as a spine road connecting to the Valencia Avenue stop sign. She also focused on the environmental impact the proposed design would have. In closing, Ms. Pintozzi felt that the negative impacts of selling the property outweigh the benefits.

Ms. Tenyer thanked Ms. Clifford for all her hard work on the previous presentation. She noted that the Board has spent a lot of time and money on this realignment proposal and that members of the Board have listened extensively to library patrons arguing both for and against this project. In the end, Ms. Tenyer felt that this realignment would adversely affect both the safety and atmosphere of the library and would be voting to cease negotiations with the village.

Board Treasurer, Carrie Carr, stated that a lot of time and effort has gone into making this decision, and that she has heard from people on both sides of the issue. She mentioned that safety is a concern and stated that if we move the road, we are just moving the problem to another location. She noted that she would be voting to cease negotiations with the district.

Ms. Peters spoke next and thanked the public for all the input, and asked that people respect the difficulty of the decision to be made. She stated that she was deeply concerned how the realignment will affect property values, and mentioned that for safety reasons she wished that the Lake Zurich Road intersection was a right hand turn only, but noted that she would be voting against the motion to cease negotiations.

Mr. Pizzi spoke last and did not state his opinion either for or against the realignment.

After each board member had a chance to speak to the topic at hand, President Minner called for a roll call vote on the motion above.

Ayes: Carr, Clifford, Pintozzi, Tenyer

Nays: Minner, Peters

Abstained: Pizzi

Absent: 0

Motion: CARRIED.

There being no further business, Ms. Clifford made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Carr seconded the motion. All board members voted in the affirmative.

Ayes: Carr, Clifford, Minner, Peters, Pintozzi, Pizzi, Tenyer

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion: CARRIED.

Adjournment was at 8:40 p.m.


Barbara Pintozzi, Secretary