



Regular Board
Remote Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2021

Mrs. Smith, President, called the Bellwood Public Library Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present:

Ms. Mary Clements
Ms. Deborah Giles
Ms. Maria Perez
Ms. Constance Riales
Mrs. Dorothy Smith
Mr. Reginald Stewart

Absent: Pastor Michael Horton

Also in attendance: Library Director, Amy Crump, Business Manager, Ashley Matthews, Administrative Assistant, Lili Savage, and 2 members of the public.

Library Attorney Dee Jarad arrived at 6:25 p.m.

Public Comment: Arnetta Watkins stated, “I understand someone getting clarification. But it seems to me, if the information was read beforehand, and the previous policy was read as well to compare them both, time would not be wasted asking questions that are in black and white. As a member of the community, I felt embarrassed with the bickering between board members in the presence of a guest. That should be totally unacceptable.”

A motion was made by Ms. Riales, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the meeting minutes for January 12, 2021.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 6: Ms. Clements, Ms. Giles, Ms. Perez, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 1: Pastor Horton

The motion passed.

Finance Committee Report: Ms. Clements gave the finance report which included: Reports of Bills: #806, 806-A, & 806-B. The following reports of bills were submitted, copies of which are included as part of these minutes:

#806 (Bill List) in the amount of	\$ 54,948.72
#806-A (Payroll) in the amount of	\$ 50,518.10
#806-B (Checking) in the amount of	\$ 0.00
TOTAL:	\$ 105,466.82

A motion was made by Ms. Clements, seconded by Ms. Perez for approval of Bills-Reports #806, 806-A, 806-B. The Treasurers Report will be filed for audit.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 6: Ms. Clements, Ms. Giles, Ms. Perez, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 1: Pastor Horton

The motion passed.

Other Committee Reports:

- A. Administrative Committee Report: NO REPORT
- B. Building and Grounds Committee: NO REPORT
- C. Finance Committee: NO REPORT
- D. Public Relations and Legislative Committee: NO REPORT
- E. Planning and Development Committee: NO REPORT
- F. RAILS Committee: NO REPORT

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Estelle Markham presented options for insurance. At the request of the Board, she will be submitting more information at the Special Board Meeting on February 23, 2021.

Communication/Announcements: 1. Ms. Riales informed the board that Triton College in River Grove opens as Cook County COVID-19 vaccination site. 2. There will be a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Library Director: The report is posted on the Bellwood Public Library's web page.

A motion was made by Ms. Riales, seconded by Mr. Stewart that the board convene into Closed Session at 7:11 p.m. for:

- a. Discussion of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal or specific employees of the public body under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 6: Ms. Clements, Ms. Giles, Ms. Perez, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:
ABSTAIN: 0:
ABSENT: 1: Pastor Horton
The motion passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Riales, seconded by Mr. Stewart that the board return to Open Session at 8:25 p.m.
A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 6: Ms. Clements, Ms. Giles, Ms. Perez, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart
NAYS: 0:
ABSTAIN: 0:
ABSENT: 1: Pastor Horton
The motion passed.

Public Comment: Arnetta Watkins: “With all due respect, Board, when a member from the community/taxpayer makes a comment, name-calling is not acceptable. A troll is one who stalks the internet.”

Adjournment: Ms. Clements moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.
A roll call was taken.

AYES: 4: Ms. Clements, Ms. Giles, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart
NAYS: 0:
ABSTAIN:0:
ABSENT:3: Pastor Horton, Ms. Perez, Ms. Riales
The motion passed.

Reginald Stewart, Secretary