

**Independence Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**Board Members Present: Michelle Anderson, Chairman, Trustees: Tom Sewell, Carolyn Torrance, Ron Schwatken, England Porter**

**Also Attending:** Library Director Jeri Hopkins, Assistant Director John Long and Recording Secretary Gloria McCoy.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Michelle Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.
  - **Adoption of Agenda:** Carolyn T. moved and Ron S. seconded a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.
  - **Approval of Minutes:** Tom S. made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February meeting, seconded by Carolyn T. Motion carried.
  
- II CONSENT AGENDA:** Carolyn T. motioned to adopt the consent agenda as presented and seconded by Tom S. Motion carried. Total expenses for bills for the month of February were \$51,084.14 (Operating) and \$2,015.45 (Other).
  
- III NEW BUSINESS:**
  - The chair entertained a motion to add Board Member Carolyn Torrance's signature to the Certificate of Deposit at the Community National Bank when it comes up for renewal. Motion was made by Ron S. and seconded by Tom S. Motion carried.
  - The chair entertained a motion to approve the Community and Senior Center Bylaws as presented. Motion was made by England P. and seconded by Tom S. Motion carried.
  - The chair entertained a motion to add Nancy Orr, Paul Gardner, Theresa Mitchell, Carolyn Torrance, Cindy Hutchison, and Teya Hooper as board members to the newly created Community and Senior Center Advisory Board. England P. made the motion and was seconded by Ron S. Motion carried.
  - The chair entertained a motion to add 1.5 additional hours to Paul Hawley's weekly schedule. England P. made the motion and was seconded by Carolyn T. Motion carried.

**IV STAFF REPORT:**

- Nancy Kishpaugh is retiring on March 30, 2023. Her retirement party will be March 30, 2023 at 4:pm on the first floor of library.
- Teya Hooper's welcoming party will be at 5:45 on Wednesday March 22, 2023. Board Members, Friends of the Library, and staff are invited.
- Rachel Koszalka has resigned as a board member. Need a new board member. Ian Brown may be asked to be a board member.
- Banned Patron list has been created for the library.
- Director H. has all reports and audit information done.

**Library Presence in the Community:** Daily Reporter is giving a lot of space in the paper for the newly created Community and Senior Center.

**V Executive Session: Non-elected personnel**

- Michelle A. made a motion, "I move we go into Executive Session to discuss the conduct or status of negotiation pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in this room at 6:05 p.m.
- The Board is now out of Executive session and no action is taken.

**VI UPCOMING ADVOCACY EVENTS:** Beats and Bards Bazaar – Open Mic & Market Night!! - Monthly On the Fourth Wednesday starting at 6:00 p.m.

**VI COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:** Everyone is pleased with the Senior Center.

**VII Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:20p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, APRIL 19, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.**

Ron Schwatken

Date of Approval: