

NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meeting of November 23, 1993

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held November 23, 1993 in the Northport library.

C. Annette Carr called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Also attending were Jennifer Richmond, Stuart Goldblatt, Michael Glennon, Assistant Director Eileen Minogue and Director Stephanie Heineman.

Ruth McKay was absent with prior notice.

Mr. McNally, library counsel, also attended.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mr. Goldblatt moved to accept the minutes of October 26, 1993 as amended, seconded by Mrs. Richmond and unanimously carried.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY & TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Goldblatt moved to approve warrant, page 2216, in the amount of \$86,851.25, seconded by Mr. Glennon and unanimously carried.

Mr. Glennon moved to approve warrant, page 2217, in the amount of \$50,382.67, seconded by Mrs. Richmond and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Richmond moved to approve Capital Reserve Fund warrant, page 2218, in the amount of \$2,269.00, seconded by Mr. Goldblatt and unanimously carried.

Mr. Goldblatt moved to approve warrant, page 2222, in the amount of \$110,488.88, seconded by Mr. Glennon and unanimously carried.

The Board accepted the payroll for the period ending:

November 5, 1993	page 1437	\$83,503.27
November 19, 1993	page 1438	85,025.77

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Assistant Director, Eileen Minogue, and Judy Killen, Head Reference Librarian, received letters from William S. O'Brien, Coordinator, Employment Network Program, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Centerport. He thanked Judy Killen and Barbara Johnson for doing an incredible job at their presentation on Library Research for Jobs and Careers on November 1, 1993.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Director's report was presented orally to the Board. It highlighted the month's activities, events and services.

**DATES FOR ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEE**

Mr. Goldblatt moved to set the date for the public hearing for the annual budget vote and election of Trustee on March 22, 1994, seconded by Mrs. Richmond and unanimously carried.

Mr. Glennon moved to set the date for the annual library district operating budget vote and election of Trustee April 11, 1994, seconded by Mrs. Richmond and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Richmond moved to approve Frances Burton, Administrative Assistant, as Clerk of the Vote, seconded by Mr. Goldblatt and unanimously carried.

**BUILDING PROGRAM**

Mr. McNally informed Mr. Robert Santoli, Associate Agent, DOT; Mr. Allen LoGalbo, Assistant Deputy Director MTA; Mr. Carll S. Burr, owner of property on Orchard Court, that the Trustees decided not to proceed with acquisition of the referenced properties 1175 and 1176 of the Department of Transportation.

The Director has contacted Mr. Beatty and requested him to provide preliminary information and costs for capital improvements on the two existing buildings.

The Director has contacted Mr. Len Saladore of the architectural firm Gibbons & Heidtmann which designed the existing Northport building. He is searching the archives for any expansion plans that may have been drawn at the time the building was originally built.

Mr. Glennon hand delivered a letter to The Northport Observer correcting statements they made in the November 18, 1993 issue regarding the building program.

**PERIOD FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Eight people attended. Questions regarding the building program were addressed.

**OTHER**

The Trustees signed the ballot to elect Maria Bertone to serve on the System Board to fill a term beginning January 1, 1994.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

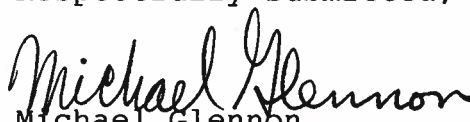
The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, December 21, 1993, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Goldblatt requested that meetings alternate between afternoon and evening meetings to encourage attendance by members of the community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Richmond moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Goldblatt and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michael Glennon  
Secretary

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## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Eight patrons attended

November 23, 1993

- Joan August: I have a letter from Ocean Avenue School saying the library intends to spend nine million dollars - the school district has to pay anything the library does - it becomes part of the school budget?
- Mr. Glennon: That is a dead issue.
- Joan August: You mean we won't have to do anything? - to fight it?
- Mr. Glennon: We have discussions - inform the public - then the public has to approve all monies.
- Mr. Goldblatt: We cannot spend any money without the public's approval.
- Joan August: You're not tied into the school vote?
- Mr. Goldblatt: We would never do that - so foolish- we don't know where it came from.
- Mr. Glennon: I can understand why it would give one concern - it's not true - creative - the PTA sent it home with the children.
- Joan August: I gave copies to 150 of my neighbors.
- Mrs. Foodim: I think it's terrible such a letter was sent. The community is served well by the library - to assume a letter is correct and act on it - better if people would try to check the source - ascertain if correct - so much damage. These people serve the community. We elect them. We vote. We must vote on the budget. People know that. We must vote to spend money. this was so unfortunate. I apologize for the community.
- Bob Dirish: I would like to have some idea what types of improvements? What are you looking at to bring up? For the handicapped - what?
- Mrs. Carr: For instance, electrical - the building is 30 years old - we need to increase the electrical service for all the new equipment - the heating system is 30 years old. It is possibly costing us more in repairs than a new one. Probably have had more years already than we should have - also the air conditioner -
- Mrs. Heineman: We have an aging facility that must be brought up so we can move forward. We must insure that our money is going to be spent wisely. The lighting is inadequate. The carpets are worn. The inside has never been painted in 20 years - the ceilings - the roof needs attention.
- Bob Dirish: That's maintenance.
- Mrs. Heineman: We have no elevator - no ramps - the doors are inadequate for the handicapped. It must all be brought up to standard to take us forward.

Mr. Goldblatt: We have another building. It was a school. The School District sold it to us for \$1.00. It is in considerable need of renovation. It might not be possible to bring it up to requirements for the handicapped. Many other things are terrible.

a remark from  
a patron:

- a dungeon -

Joan August: The playground is there.

Mrs. Carr: There is a small parking lot - most on the street side.

Woman patron: What process do you go through for capital improvement? It it's not passed - voted down - how would you prioritize?

Mrs. Carr: We don't do that. The architects will advise us and tell us what to do. Lilco will come in and tell us what lines are needed. Then we will have a dollar amount. We may have to phase in piece-meal.

Woman patron: Do you have any idea what figure will pass?

Mrs. Carr: No, we have no idea. We are mandated to have certain things in place - or close the doors.

Woman patron: That would be a priority.

Mrs. Carr: - will have to be -

Mr. Goldblatt: It is incumbent on us to do a careful job - information for the community - our responsibility to make a good enough case that the community will support it. The East Northport community has supported us over the years - no question over in favor -

We had public meetings regarding what we know to be a shortage of space - four people appeared - at another 19 people. The fellows who objected so strenuously about Maplewood Drive did us a favor. Brought attention - not the greatest - probably more than the last ten years. We have a responsibility to come up with the best proposal - a reasonable one.

Woman patron: You would phase in or get the entire amount?

Mr. Goldblatt: If we are only able to do capital improvements we would do the whole project not just a part.

Woman patron: To return to my initial question. You don't know how much coaxial cables will cost - let's just say \$3.5 million - and the public finds it not palatable - and they vote against it - can you go back and cut costs and bring it back again?

Mr. McNally: (Introduced himself as library counsel) Any number of bond issues can come back.

Woman patron: Is there a time limit?

Mr. McNally: There is no time limit.

Mr. Glennon: We are going to be so careful, so clear, that it will pass.

Joan August: Will any budget be added to the school budget?

Mr. McNally: No. If defeated it will have no impact on the school budget - austerity - no impact on library or school - separate taxing authority - but they are linked - library can't borrow money except through the school district - that's the reality - the money to pay back comes from the library taxes - separate and distinct.

Mr. Glennon: With capital improvement we might have five year bonding. If we do more we would have thirty years. We would not pay it in one year.

Mr. Goldblatt: Until we know what it will cost we are reluctant to speculate - be patient. When we have accurate information we will share. We are not reluctant to share. At this point we don't have the figures.

Mrs. Richmond: We hesitate to speculate any amount - so much false information - We don't want to say a figure - be completely wrong. We are not here to infuriate. We are here to give the best service we can.

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