**Fruitport District Library Board of Directors**

**Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President R. Dillon at 5:31 p.m.

Present: Rose Dillon, Ruth Woodward, Junella Rule, Bill Overkamp. Glenn Bo. , and Anna Dudas.

Also in attendance were Pat Gallagher, Karla Brown, Julie Sanderson, Donna Esch, and Larry Swisher.

The agenda was unanimously accepted as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  None

**REPORTS**

Secretary’s Report: Motion by Dudas, supported by Overkamp to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Library Report: The Director was absent due to illness. His comprehensive report was provided to the Board prior to the meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: A review of financial information was presented by Trustee Dillon.

A motion was made by Trustee Woodward to approve payment of bills totaling $3,951.09. Supported by Dudas. Passed unanimously by rollcall vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

New library locations: Discussion continues as we search for solutions to the needs of our library. Trustee Overkamp reported that the Village Council would like t review the results of our survey regarding the location and requirements for our library. They would also like to receive a formal, detailed request of what we would want from them should be choose to remain in our current location.

Trustee Woodward presented a spread sheet of the various locations we have considered thus far in our search and what each has to offer. She will contact the realty company regarding the blueberry field property at the corner of Quarterline and Mt. Garfield.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Budget Amendments: Motion by Bo, supported by Dudas to allow Trustee Dillon to make necessary budget amendments as we end our fiscal year, so bring everything in line. Motion passed unanimously by rollcall vote.

2025 Budget Discussion: The new budget proposal was presented by the finance committee. After some discussion, a motion was made by Overkamp and supported by Rule to approve/adopt the budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously by rollcall vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** During public comments Pat Gallagher asked about the search for a new board member to replace Laura Oldt. Trustee Dillon reported that the personnel committee had received letters of interest from two individuals and would be in contact with them this week to schedule interviews.

Donna Esch commented on the pros and cons of the current location of our library. Karla Brown expressed her feelings that the board should purchase the church location on Harvey and Pontaluna. She is dissatisfied with the amount of time we are taking to make a decision.

Motion by Overkamp, supported by Rule to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Woodward