**Fruitport District Library Board of Directors**

**Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Rose Dillon at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Rose Dillon, Ruth Woodward, Bill Overkamp, Anna Dudas, Nan Riekse. Trustee Rule was absent.

Also in attendance were Matt Lubbers-Moore, Bill Weimer, Donna Esche.

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  None

**REPORTS**

Library Report: The Director provided highlights of the written report that board members received prior to this meeting. A slight decline in the number of patrons coming into the building was attributed to cold, snowy weather. Pat Gallagher is doing a tremendous job with adult programing .

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

Building Report: Bill Weimer has been doing a great deal of shoveling. He needs to get the snowblower up and running and Bill Overkamp will remind the new village employee to clear the library driveway.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Woodward, supported by Trustee Dudas to approve payment of October bills totaling $12,304.74. Motion passed unanimously by rollcall vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

New library locations: Trustee Dillon reported that the Township Board had a discussion regarding a new library. They had a number of concerns about keeping it in its current location. They feel 35 parking spots is inadequate. The septic system is another concern. They feel we may be rushing our decision to move forward. Trustee Dillon will reach out to Adam Rosema with the County Health Dept re: the septic requirements. She will also contact the Michigan township Services Department and will meet with the Lions to get their thoughts. Trustee Overkamp will speak with the Village Planning Commission to get their views. Trustee Dudas suggested that we reach out to Matt Slagel and Kyle Osterhart and let them know that regardless of where the library is built, they are our design team of choice. We appreciate all they have done thus far and will continue to turn to them for additional input as necessary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Appointment of Officers: Motion by Dudas, supported by Riekse to appoint the following slate of officers: President – Rose Dillon; Vice-President – Bill Overkamp; Secretary – Ruth Woodward; Treasurer – Nan Rieske. Motion was approved unanimously.

Appointment to committees: Motion by Woodward, supported by Riekse to appoint members to committees as follows:

Building Committee: All

Personnel Committee: Dillon, Woodward, Riekse

Finance Committee: Dillon, Overkamp, Riekse

Board Vacancy: Trustee Dillon has received written and verbal interest in the board position vacated by Glenn Bo. The personnel committee will be meeting with 3 people as soon as possible to recommend a replacement.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Donna Esche spoke about how pleased she is with the new chair yoga program at the library.

Motion by Overkamp supported by Reikse to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Woodward