**Fruitport District Library Board of Directors**

**Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 16, 2025**

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

Present: Rose Dillon, Ruth Woodward, Bill Overkamp, Nan Riekse, Pat Walstra,

Junella Rule and Anna Dudas

Also, in attendance: Matt Lubbers-Moore, Bill Weimer, Donna Esch.

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Donna Esch expressed disappointment that there was no power at the band shell on Saturday, for the Irish Music. Matt sent an apology to the musician.

**REPORTS**

Library Report: The Director’s report indicated that the library continues to be super busy, averaging 111 patrons per day.

Maintenance Report: Bill Weimer reported that the septic lift pump area is still broken. He has taken care of the weeds in the area.

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

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

A motion was made by Trustee Riekse, supported by Trustee Walstra to approve payment of April bills totaling $13,848.41. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

New library locations: Trustee Overkamp asked that we meet with the architects to get a new linear layout of a new building at the current site – a sort of “foot print,” – with no details, that could be presented to the Village Council. He will work to gather the information and to set up another meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approval to hire 2 library assistants – Emily Rogers and Natalie Maas: The personnel committee submitted this request based on their interviews, hours we require, and hours the two are able to cover. Motion to hire Emily Rogers was made by Trustee Walstra and supported by Riekse. Approved unanimously. Motion to hire Natalie Maas was made by Trustee Dudas and supported by Trustee Riekse. Approved unanimously.

Approve wage increases for library assistants: Motion by Woodward, supported by Trustee Dudas to approve wage increases for all library assistants, as recommended by the personnel and finance committees. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Discuss purchase of new book drop box: After discussion, it was agreed that Trustee Overkamp would look at the door to determine if it could be fixed for now, rather than spending the money on a new door.

Discuss purchase of new employee entrance door: The initial quote received for a new door, key pad and keys (Keeping the current casing) was for $4,253.00. Discussion followed and it was decided that we will seek additional quotes before proceeding.

Recognition of Gifts to Library: The library received two generous donations for the summer reading program from Nan Riekse and Julie Sanderson. Trustee Woodward will send thank you notes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

Motion by Riekse supported by Rule to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Woodward