

Special

August 8

2017

The Geauga County Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, August 8, 2017 at the Administrative Center.

Call to Order and Roll Call: President Jake Yanchar called the meeting to order at 4:01 and the roll call was conducted.

Present: Gordon Burgess, Paul Newman, Kate Pitrone, Raymond Rundelli, Jake Yanchar, Ed Worso – Director, Kris Carroll - Assistant Director and Lisa Havlin – Fiscal Officer.

Excused: Joshua Hutchinson, Karen Delano

Guests: Diane Ryder, Lorrie Sass Benza

Purpose of Special Meeting

President Jake Yanchar opened the discussion by confirming the purpose of the special board meeting was to discuss the events of the Tuesday, August 1 Geauga County Commissioners meeting and decide on any appropriate action. On August 1, the County Commissioners were to pass a Resolution Confirming Submission of Bonds to Library Electors that needed to be filed by the Library with the Board of Elections by August 9. The Commissioners deferred any action on the Resolution until their August 8 citing a need for more information.

Discussion

President Yanchar asked Ed Worso to describe the conversation he and Fiscal Officer Lisa Havlin had with Commissioner Skip Claypool minutes before the Commissioners' meeting in Mr. Claypool's office. Ed described Commissioner Claypool's questions and his replies. Ed also told the Board about a phone conversation he had that day with Commissioner Lennon. Ed referred to notes he had taken while on the phone with the Commissioner.

Board members discussed possible response to the Commissioners' failure to act on the Resolution. Of concern to the Board Members was the possibility that the Commissioners would fail to do their duty and affirm the resolution causing the Library to miss the deadline to file the appropriate paperwork with the Board of Elections for the November 2017 election.

A motion was made by Paul Newman and seconded by Kate Pitrone - In the event the Geauga County Commissioners defer action or do not pass the Resolution Confirming Submission of Bonds to Library Electors on August 8 the Board authorizes Ed Worso to commence immediate legal action. The motion passed.

Ayes: Burgess, Newman, Pitrone, Rundelli, Yanchar
Nays: None

Comments from the Public: Lorrie Sass Benza commented that Erwin Leffel had distributed an email that expressed disappointment with the Commissioners actions on August 1. Mr. Leffel asked that any township who desired to contact the County Commissioners and express their feelings in the matter. Ms Sass Benz also mentioned that there are firms that would assist the Library with any ballot or petition issues.

Adjourn: Gordon Burgess made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Newman. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 4:23 P.M.

Jake Yanchar, President

Paul A. Newman, Secretary