

**Whiting Public Library
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 11, 2022**

Board Members Present:

Walter Wachel, President
Mary Lu Cowley, Secretary
Elizabeth Madison, Board Member
Ashley Sudar, Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Thomas Cafferata, Vice-President
Amy Holmes, Treasurer
Brittani Baker, Board Member

Guests:

Others:

Montserrat Inglada, Director
Mary Kershner, Assistant Director
Laura Lopez, Recording Secretary

Public:

A notice of the Regular Board Meeting was faxed to the Times and the Post-Tribune on October 4, 2022. The notice was also posted at the Oliver Street and Ohio Avenue entrances on October 6, 2022.

Mr. Wachel, President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – September 13, 2022

Mrs. Madison moved:

THAT the minutes of the September 13, 2022 Regular Board Meeting be approved as submitted.

SECONDED by: Ms. Sudar

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

Report from Board President

None

Director's Report

√Upon review, all expenditures were approved September 16 – October 14, 2022.

√NWI Paranormal Investigations Group conducted a series of tours of the library during Wickedly Whiting. Proceeds were deposited in the Gift Fund.

√Calumet Painting is in the process of painting the building's exterior and will be complete in a week, weather permitting.

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√Mr. Oddivak's grandson donated \$200 to the Whiting Public Library and expressed appreciation for having his grandfather's paintings returned to his family.

√Mr. Wachel, Board President called for an Executive Session and Special Board Meeting.

Mrs. Cowley moved:

THAT an Executive Session be held on November 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. with a Special Board Meeting following at 6 p.m.

SECONDED by: Ms. Sudar

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

Ms. Sudar moved:

THAT an additional part-time employee be hired at \$12.00/hr.

SECONDED by: Mrs. Cowley

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

Mrs. Cowley moved:

THAT the HRA be renewed for another year effective immediately.

SECONDED by: Ms. Sudar

Building Renovation Update

Studio GC is meeting with the Board on November 1, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Employee's Annual Wage Increase

At this time, an 8.7% increase is speculated; a 9% increase is what was budgeted for 2023. The Social Security Administration will announce the official cost of living adjustment on October 13, 2022 therefore the annual wage increases will be discussed at the November 2022 meeting.

Rothschild Agency-Renewal of building insurance

Mrs. Cowley moved:

THAT the Board approve the commercial insurance policy renewal (10/27/22 to 10/27/23) with Secura, at a cost of \$17,095.00.

SECONDED by: Mrs. Madison

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

The policy renewal includes the package policy, workers compensation, and an umbrella policy.

Emergency closings, policy

Tabled until 11/08/2022

Resolution to Transfer Funds

Mrs. Cowley moved:

THAT Resolution 10-22 (1) be approved as submitted.

SECONDED by: Mrs. Madison

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

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Adjournment

Ms. Sudar moved:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

SECONDED by: Mrs. Madison

**ACTION: Meeting Adjourned
6:30 p.m.**

Walter Wachel, President

Tom Cafferata, Vice-President

Mary Lu Cowley, Secretary

Amy Holmes, Treasurer

Brittani Baker, Board Member

Elizabeth Madison, Board Member

Ashley Sudar, Board Member

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Lopez

Reviewed by: Mary Lu Cowley, Board Secretary