

**Whiting Public Library
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 11, 2023**

Board Members Present:

Walter Wachel, President
Thomas Cafferata, Vice-President
Mary Lu Cowley, Secretary
Amy Holmes, Treasurer
Brittani Baker, Board Member
Elizabeth Madison, Board Member
Ashley Sudar, Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Guests:

Mr. Joseph Curosh, III & Mr. Joseph Curosh, Jr., Curosh & Curosh, Attorneys at Law

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 April 3, 2023. The notice was also posted at the Oliver Street and Ohio Avenue entrances on April 6, 2023.

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

Library Attorney

Mrs. Cowley moved:

THAT the meeting agenda be re-arranged to allow a discussion with Mr. Curosh, III & Mr. Curosh, Jr. regarding the renovation project. Curosh & Curosh will prepare a letter of engagement for board approval at an hourly rate of \$250.00 with a \$500.00 monthly retainer.

SECONDED by: Mr. Cafferata

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - March 14, 2023

Mrs. Cowley moved:

THAT the minutes of the March 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting be approved as submitted.

SECONDED by: Mrs. Madison

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

Report from Board President

Mr. Wachel thanked Mr. Cafferata for his years of service on the Library Board.

Director's Report

- √ Upon review, all expenditures were approved March 16 - April 14, 2023.
- √ A member of the Wild Ones approached the library to do some landscaping through a grant from one of their local chapters.
- √ The Office Manager passed her evaluation; a 3% salary increase will be effective April 14, 2023, as agreed by the Board.

Additional Appropriation

Mr. Cafferata moved:

THAT the Board begin the initial additional appropriation process request with the Whiting City Council.

The amount of \$1,000,000.00 is to be appropriated from the Library's Operating Fund to the Operating Fund: Category 3, Other Services & Charges, \$200,000; Category 4, Capital Outlays, \$800,000.00; and the amount of \$1,000,000.00 is to be appropriated from the Library's Rainy Day Fund to the Rainy Day Fund: Category 4, Capital Outlays.

These funds are to be used for the library's renovation project.

SECONDED by Mrs. Cowley

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

Library Closure, Pierogi Fest

Mrs. Cowley moved:

THAT the library be closed Saturday, July 29, 2023 for Pierogi Fest.

SECONDED by: Mrs. Baker

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

Contract for Educational Program, City of Whiting

Mrs. Holmes moved:

THAT the library approve the contract for Educational Program with the City of Whiting, in the amount of \$5,000.00

SECONDED by: Ms. Sudar

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

Adjournment

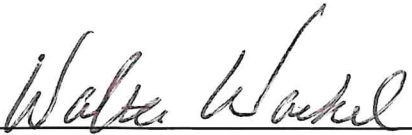
Ms. Sudar moved:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

SECONDED by: Mrs. Cowley

ACTION: Meeting Adjourned 7:15 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Laura Lopez

Reviewed by: Mary Lu Cowley, Board Secretary