

**Whiting Public Library
Regular Board Meeting
October 10, 2023**

Board Members Present:

Walter Wachel, President
Mary Lu Cowley, Secretary
Ashley Sudar, Vice President
Amy Holmes, Treasurer
Brittani Baker, Board Member
Lynn Haynes, Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Rachel Wajvoda, 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 1, 2023. The notice was also posted at the Oliver Street and Ohio Avenue entrances on October 5, 2023.

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

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – September 12, 2023

Mrs. Cowley moved:

THAT the minutes of the September 12, 2023, Regular Board Meeting be approved as corrected.

SECONDED by: Mrs. Haynes

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

Report from Board President

None

Director's Report

√The Friends of the Whiting Public Library hosted The Price is Right on September 27th which was well attended. They will host a family-friendly Halloween movie on Friday, October 13th.

√Laura received a passing evaluation and a 3% salary increase as agreed by the Board. Her subsequent review will be in April 2024.

√Whiting City Council approved the library's budget for 2024.

√The New York Times digital edition is now active and available for patron use.

√Kanopy, a movie streaming service, will be available on 11/1/2023.

Building Renovation Update

Bi-weekly meetings with Studio GC are now taking place. This week, they will test for asbestos. The location of the new book drop will be determined at a later date.

Rothschild Agency, Renewal of building insurance

Mrs. Cowley moved:

THAT the Board approve the commercial insurance policy renewal (10/27/23 to 10/27/24) with Secura, at a cost of \$18,584.00.

SECONDED by: Mrs. Baker

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

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

Renewal of HRA

Mrs. Haynes moved:

THAT the HRA for 2024 be renewed.

SECONDED by: Mrs. Baker

ACTION: Carried Unanimously

Resolution, Junior Limited Access cards

Ms. Sudar moved:

THAT the board approve the resolution to issue Junior Limited Access cards.

SECONDED by: Mrs. Holmes

ACTION: Carried Unanimously


Adjournment

Mrs. Holmes moved:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

SECONDED by: Ms. Sudar

ACTION: Meeting Adjourned 6:27 p.m.



Walter Wachel, President



Ashley Sudar, Vice-President

Brittani Baker, Board Member



Lynn Haynes, Board Member

Mary Lu Cowley, Secretary



Amy Holmes, Treasurer

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Respectfully submitted,
Laura Lopez

Reviewed by: Mary Lu Cowley, Board Secretary