

Joint municipal meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport with the Town Board of the Town of Sweden and the Seymour Library Board was held at Seymour Library 161 East Avenue, Brockport, New York, September 20, 2011 at 6:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Maria Connie Castañeda, Trustee Margaret B. Blackman, Trustee Kent R. Blair, Trustee Carol L. Hannan, Trustee Scott W. Hunsinger, Village Clerk Leslie A. Morelli

Sweden: Supervisor John H. Milner, Councilperson Patricia P. Connors, Councilperson Michael C. Myers, Town Clerk Karen M. Sweeting, Town Attorney James Bell

Absent: Councilperson Robert A. Carges, Councilperson Rebecca Donahue

Seymour Library Senior Library Clerk (Acting Director): Patricia Good

Seymour Library Board:

Brockport Representatives: Vice President Sri Ram Bakshi, Walter Borowiec, Lynne Gardner

Sweden Representatives: Kevin Johnson, Marjorie Focarazzo, Linda Sanford

Clarkson Representatives: President Mary Ellen Baker, Julieann Dean

Absent: Treasurer Mary Marone

• **ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

➤ Director Search – President Baker shared that the Director search is underway. Civil Service certification of eligibles lists were canvassed and notices posted throughout the Monroe County Library System resulting in 15 – 20 applications. The Board has narrowed the pool to 3 candidates off the Civil Service lists and 2 candidates as transfer possibilities. Interviews will take place soon.

➤ 2012 Seymour Library Budget – President Baker referred to the proposed 2012 budget which was delivered to the Mayor and Supervisors August 22nd. It reflects mandated NYS retirement costs as well as anticipated increased costs for health care and Monroe County Library System, as well as general increases in operating the building. It also reflects loss of revenue due to decreasing interest income from funds. The proposed budget calls for a 4% increase in municipal support. No staff increases are included. They hope not to have to cut hours of operation again.

Supervisor Milner said the 3 municipalities will have to agree.

Trustee Hunsinger referred to the \$65,000 available to the Library per the Shafer Trust. He said he is on the Library's regular meeting agenda regarding this following this special meeting. That could impact the budget in a positive way.

Sri Ram Bakshi said this is his first year on the Library Board and asked how the 3 municipalities decide on this.

Supervisor Milner said each municipality looks at the request, their own budget, and determines what reasonable and what they can handle. They have typically worked together well. There is no set formula, but the new 2% tax cap will play a role.

Walter Borowiec said this is his first meeting on the Library Board and asked how it is based.

Councilperson Connors said it is based on population. The Village pays the largest share, then the Town of Sweden, then the Town of Clarkson. She said the Town of Sweden's proposed 2012 budget is close to being set. The Towns hold public hearings on their proposed budgets in October. She said traditionally it rolls with the municipality that can afford the least.

Lynne Gardner shared that the 4% increase they are looking for will enable the Library to tread water.

Trustee Hunsinger said that has been the way it has been the last couple of years. He said while there are a lot of pieces to the puzzle, everyone does their best to address the needs of the Library while taking all else into consideration. They would prefer not to reduce staffing or hours of operation.

Mayor Castañeda said there were reductions in the hours of operation last year.

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• **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

→ At 6:10pm Marjorie Focarazzo moved, Linda Sanford seconded, unanimously carried to enter into executive session to discuss a Library personnel matter / Division of Human Rights complaint.

→ At 6:45pm Marjorie Focarazzo moved, Sri Ram Bakshi seconded, unanimously carried to exit executive session and begin the regular Library Board meeting.

President Baker thanked the Village of Brockport and Town of Sweden Boards for agreeing to meet with the Library Board. She said the Town of Clarkson Board was unable to meet due to a conflict with a public hearing.

- **ADJOURNMENT:**

→ At 6:48pm Councilperson Connors moved, Councilperson Myers seconded, unanimously carried to adjourn.

The Seymour Library Board continued with their regularly scheduled meeting.

Leslie Ann Morelli, Village Clerk