

Barker Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 9, 2022  
Electrical Energy Limited Building  
8683 Main Street, Barker, NY

- Present:** Kathie Smith, Sarah Alexander, Brian Carmer, Cynthia Harris, Jessica Monaco, Lisa Thompson, Terry Upton (via Zoom)
- Absent:** Theresa Kennedy
- Call to Order:** President Kathie Smith called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.
- Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report of March 21, 2022 was moved for approval by Trustee Carmer and seconded by Trustee Alexander. All voted aye.
- Treasurer's Report:**
- President Smith examined the bills since our last meeting and reported that everything was in order.
  - A motion to approve the Treasurer's reports as of May 9, 2022 was made by Trustee Harris and seconded by Trustee Carmer. All voted aye.
- President's Report:**
- President Smith has had ongoing discussions with our attorney, the Mayor, our Village-Clerk Treasurer and contractor regarding our contract and lease with the village.
  - Items for NIOGA Banquet raffle basket have been ordered and purchased.
  - President Smith has met with Director Thompson weekly for updates and a reviewing of bills.
  - Our CPA will be contacted next month to complete the annual financial audit
  - President Smith has started work on developing a Volunteer Policy; It will be shared during the July meeting.
- Director's Report:**
- Director Thompson has been working with President Smith to prepare our basket for the annual NIOGA library meeting.
  - A number of libraries in the NIOGA system have decided to go "fine free." Should the BPL consider following suit?
  - The Trustee Training requirements will be out by July; Director Thompson will update trustees during the July meeting.
  - The BPL has received two mobile hot spots from NIOGA; They will be ready to be loaned out soon.
  - A staff meeting was held on April 16; The BPL staff also attended NIOGA's Sexual Harrassment Training held in April.
  - A motion to approve the Director's report dated May 9, 2022 was made by Trustee Monaco and seconded by Trustee Upton. All voted aye.

**Old Business:**

- Talks continue with the Village Board regarding the rebuilding of the Village Hall and Library.
- The lease is being discussed and finalized between the village and BPL attorneys.
- President Smith and Director Thompson continue to attend the monthly village meetings.

**New Business:**

- The Annual Budget Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. The BPL is requesting a 2% increase. There are no trustees on the ballot.
- A motion to accept the resignation of Trustee Howland was made by Trustee Carmer and seconded by Trustee Upton. All voted aye.
- A motion to approve the Ethics Statement was made by Trustee Monaco and was seconded by Trustee Harris. All voted aye.

**Other:**

- The Board discussed possibilities for possible community outreach opportunities. These will be discussed further at our July meeting.
- A motion to eliminate fines at the Barker Public Library was made by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Carmer. All voted aye.
- President Smith notified the Board that Treasurer Kennedy will be resigning at the end of June. The BPL will need to find a new treasurer for the second half of the year.
- Trustee Alexander was acknowledged and thanked for her years of service to the BPL. Her term as a trustee ends on May 31.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for July 11, 2022, at the Electrical Energy Limited Building, 8683 Main Street, Barker, NY, at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** A motion for adjournment was made by Trustee Carmer and seconded by Trustee Alexander at 6:51 p.m. All voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Monaco  
Secretary

