

Putnam County Public Library District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 9th, 2021

1) The Putnam County Public Library Board meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Bob Steele, President.

2) Roll Call:

Present:

Bob Steele, President

Sean Brannon, Vice President

Joan Augustine, Treasurer

Merry Bassi, Secretary

Sally Young, Trustee

Jo Ann Steffens, Trustee

Jay Kalman, Director

Absent:

Bob Hamann, Trustee

Guest: Phil Lenzini, Kavanagh Scully

3) Budget Hearing: The Budget Hearing was called to order at 7:07pm. Phil Lenzini, Jay Kalman and the Board reviewed the 2021-2022 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. The Budget hearing adjourned at 7:30 pm.

4) Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 21/22-2: Sally Young motioned to approve the 2021-2022 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Sean Brannon second. Motion carried.

5) Unfinished business - Replacement Taxes: In August 2019, Phil Lenzini sent a letter to the Putnam County Board requesting their attention to the Statue that requires the County to share a percentage of Personal Property taxes with the Putnam County Library. The County has ignored our letter and submitted no reply. We are not asking the County for County money, we're asking for the percentage of Personal Property tax that by statute is due the library. A new letter will be submitted this month reminding them of the statute requirement. The County is effectively forcing the Library Board to go to court to force the judgement.

Joan Augustine motioned to employ Kavanagh Scully to pursue a second demand letter to the Putnam County Board, requesting the County honor their requirement to share the required percentage of the Personal Property tax with the Putnam County Library District. Sally Young second. Motion carried.

6) Correspondence, communications, public comments: We received correspondence from the Supervisor of Assessments regarding Vistra Energy request to reduce their assessed value. A letter was received from a Lostant couple objecting to our library "medium" program. It was one of our best attended programs and has a waiting list.

7) Committee Reports: None

8) Consent Agenda: Sean Brannon motioned to accept the Consent Agenda, Jo Ann Steffens second. Motion Carried.

9-10) Financial Report & Approval of Bills: Sally Young motioned to approve the financial report and bills. Sean Brannon second. Motion carried.

11) Unfinished Business:

- a) Condit Building:
- b) Unstaffed Libraries & Library Building Plan:
- c) Magnolia

b) Replacement Taxes:

12) New Business:

- a) Minimum Wages and Payroll:

13) Signing of paperwork (minutes, bills, others):

14) Other:

15) Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm due to impending storm. The remainder of the agenda will be addressed during the September 13th, 2021 meeting.

Next regular Putnam County Public Library District Board meeting is scheduled for September 13th, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Merry Bassi, Secretary