

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees  
Normal Public Library  
April 19, 2023**

**Oath of Office:** Town Clerk Angie Huonker to administer the oath of office to trustee Amy Ersland, Dylan Hile-Broad, Terry Lindberg

**Call to order:** A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Normal Public Library was held in the Community Room of the Normal Public Library, Normal, Illinois on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. The meeting convened at 6:00 pm, President Beth Robb, presiding.

**Members Present:** Beth Robb, President, Katelyn Trunnell, Vice President, Jd Davis, Secretary, Amy Ersland, acting secretary, Erin Ripley-Gataric, Lynda Lane, Terry Lindberg

**Members Absent:** NA

**Library Staff Present:** John Fischer, Library Director, Jennifer Williams, Rhiannon Shoults

**Community Members Present:** Dylan Hile-Broad

1. **Review of the Agenda:** No corrections or additions
2. **President's Report:** Ms. Robb recognized and thanked Jd Davis for her six years of service on the Board of Trustees. Ms. Robb thanked NPL staff for their hard work. Ms. Lane spoke on her experience attending the Civic Engagement Awards Ceremony at Illinois State University where community members were awarded for advancing the core values of civic engagement on and off campus, which recognized Laura Golaszewski for co-hosting the International Day of Peace with ISU's Department of Health Sciences in September 2022, Lyndsey Carney for Partners in Reading, John Fischer as director and the entire staff of the NPL.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Committee and Liaison Reports [Foundation; Library Advocacy; Library Planning]:**  
**Foundation:** No report.

**Library Advocacy:** No report.

**Library Planning:** No report.

5. **Library Director's Report:** Mr. Fischer discussed the items in his report. Ms. Trunnell commented that RAILS is seeking new board members.
6. **OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**
  - A. **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 15, 2023**
  - B. **Report to Receive and File Normal Public Library Expenditures for Payment, including \$146,189.23 for two payrolls and \$60,048.78 for expenditures as of April 12, 2023.**

Ms. Lane moved to approve all items on the Omnibus Vote Agenda, Ms. Ripley-Gataric seconded.

Motion passed 7-0.

7. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**

No items were removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Insurance Renewal (Action)**

Ms. Lane moved to approve the insurance package for 2023-2024 as presented. Ms. Trunnell seconded.  
Motion passed 7-0.

B. **Abatement Project Update (Discussion)**

Mr. Fischer provided the Board further updates on abatement/renovation following a meeting with Brad McKee of McKee Environmental and Darren Schretter of Studio GC. Ms. Robb suggested a special board meeting with Board trustees, Mr. McKee, Mr. Schretter and Town of Normal staff in attendance. The Board gave feedback on potential meeting times.

C. **Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act, Public Act 102-1088 (Action)**

Mr. Fischer has confirmed that because the Library does not levy a tax, it is exempt from the requirements. The Board gave their feedback.  
Mr. Lindberg moved to suspend action on item indefinitely. Ms. Lane seconded.  
Motion passed 7-0.

D. **Executive Session: [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)] Land Acquisition and [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)] Land Sale**

The Board opted to remain in open session regarding Item D: Land Acquisition and Land Sale rather than enter Executive Session.  
The Board reviewed the contract regarding the lease of the Fell Street lot. A new contract is expected to be presented in May or June for continued lease of the lot.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

10. **Suggested Items for Next Agenda**

11. **Board Comments and Concerns**

12. **Next Meeting Date:** May 17, 2023

13. **Adjournment**

Ms. Robb adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm.

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Secretary

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Date