

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE LIBRARY BUILDING, 10700 CANTERBURY STREET, WESTCHESTER, IL**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

President Kane called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. and upon a roll call of the Board of Trustees, the following were:

Present: Patrick Kane, President  
Frank Perry, Vice-President  
Donna Malecki, Secretary  
Jennifer Boyle, Treasurer  
Trustee Timothy Hinsdale  
Trustee Kathy Schultz (Arrived at 6:45 P.M.)

Absent: None

Also Present: Ruth McCrank, Library Director  
William Raysa of the firm of Raysa & Zimmerman, LLC, Library Attorneys  
LaChondra Davis, Business Manager  
Bonnie Schwanz, Asst. Director

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Fred Poppe expressed his concerns about the Board requesting the Library separate from the Village for the 2010 Levy. He pointed out that the Village of Westchester has a large Republican constituency and since the current government administration is Democratic, this may not be in our favor and we should take this into consideration when making our decision.

**4. GUEST SPEAKER**

Ms. Bobbi Corvo, Great Floors, Inc.

Ms. Corvo's recommendation to the Board is that Shaw commercial carpeting with the ultralok backing be considered as it is the best choice for our needs. She also informed the Board that the tiles in the basement tested positive for asbestos. She recommends replacing them with tiles and not solid vinyl sheets.

**5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. 2010 Levy**

1. The Board was presented with historical tax levy information. Fiscal Years 2007-2010 showed a cumulative levy shortfall of \$127,609.00. Fiscal Year 2011 expenses were not budgeted with over \$153,195.00 in flood related expense included. Therefore the combined operating shortfall (resulting from unprecedented flood recovery costs and reduction in funding) is \$280,804.00.
2. The Board is giving consideration to the idea of requesting the Village to petition Cook County to consider the library levy independent from the Village of Westchester starting with the 2010 Levy. The advantage would be that the Library would receive their monies directly from Cook County and not as an appendage of the Village. Board to take action on this at Special Meeting on November 15, 2010.

**B. Rental Properties**

Trustee Timothy Hinsdale advised the Board that the east house needs caulking to be done to the rear foundation to prevent seepage. The west house has a mold problem, not only in the lower level bathroom as originally thought, but unfortunately throughout the basement. Trustee Hinsdale to work with Gobber Realty to get quotes for the work. Solutions to be addressed at the Special Meeting on November 15, 2010.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Library Flood Recovery**

1. Carpet recommendations and choice of vendors was discussed.
2. Board requested a second opinion on vinyl replacement. Board also requested that abatement companies be contacted to get quotes on asbestos removal.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Fred Poppe asked if we could suggest a date when the lower level's work will be completed since it is such a vital area for The Friends of the Library. President Kane advised that the Board must follow certain procedures and policies and that does take time. Therefore, no exact completion date can be given.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

President Patrick Kane made the motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:43 P.M.

Trustee Donna Malecki seconded.

6 ayes

0 nay

Motion carried.

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Donna Malecki, Library Board Secretary