

# **City Commission Meeting Joint with Community Library**

City Hall, Commission Room

226 N. Michigan Ave

Thursday, August 11, 2022

## **1. Call to Order**

- The Library Board Meeting was called to order by Catherine Johnson at 6:30 pm.

## **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

## **3. Roll Call by Library Board**

- Board Members in attendance: Catherine Johnson, Laura Herron, Chelsea Mitchell and Mike Ryan
- Board Members absent: Ralph Crew
- Library Staff in attendance: Lauren Perkins (Library Director) and Sarah Welch (Head of Programs and Services).

## **4. Roll Call by City Commission**

- All in attendance

## **5. Public Comment**

- none

## **6. General Business**

- Library Funding, Non-Residential Fees, Township Contracts
  - Eric Williams (Attorney for the City of Big Rapids) - provided historical background on township contracts and politics related to the library.
  - Sheryl Mase (Director of the Mid-Michigan Library League) - explained to both boards about library funding, township contracts, and board roles and responsibilities.
  - Lauren Perkins (Library Director) - The public continues to have free access to the library collection, computers, and spaces. Library card holders have the additional benefit of being able to check material out from the library and access the digital collection. All children attending schools in the City of Big Rapids can receive a free library card, regardless of residential status.

## **7. Commission Adjourned**

## **8. Library Board Meeting continued**

## **9. New Business**

- Lauren Perkins recommends that the Library Board signs a letter to establish a relationship with lawyer Anne Seurnyck.
  - Mike Ryan motioned that the Library Board sign the letter to establish a relationship with Anne Seurnyck. Chelsea Mitchell supported. All members in favor. The motion was approved.

- Insurance for the Library Board members was recommended. This insurance will protect the board members as individuals. Lauren Perkins will bring information to the next meeting.
- Book Challenge: patron submitted five Item Review Forms. Lauren Perkins responded with her decision to keep the items in our collection. As per the Library Material Reconsideration Policy & Procedure, the patron had ten days to respond after that, but did not.

**10. Next Meeting**

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

**11. Adjournment**

- Catherine Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.