

**Rochester Hills Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting**

June 12, 2024

- I. The Board of Trustees of the Rochester Hills Public Library held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. The President called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm in the boardroom of the library. The presiding officer was Melinda Deel.

A quorum of the board was present including Bob Bonam, Melinda Deel, Anne Kucher, and Harper West.

Madge Lawson and Julianne Reyes were absent with prior notice given.

Guests included Library Director Juliane Morian, Oakland Township Library Board President, Michael Tyler, and the RHPL Director of IT, Derek Brown. City of Rochester Liaison position was unfilled at the time of this meeting.

- II. Public Comments – none

- III. Presentation of Information Technology plan at RHPL

- A. Director of IT, Derek Brown, provided a roadmap of how RHPL might move the majority of data previously housed on premise at the library to a cloud-computing option, as is the trend in large-scale network management of data. In summary, it will likely result in the same cost to the library but moving to cloud solutions promise greater security and sustainability related to the integrity of patron and staff data.

1. The board discussed greater efficiencies gained from an environmental standpoint (less power needed to run a server room or cool devices) and opportunity to run the IT department with a lean staffing model to offset the cost of outsourcing to cloud computing/management of data.
2. Mr. Tyler asked if there were value added aspects to the IT roadmap that benefit a patron when using library resources over their own. Mr. Brown responded that while there is no value added with the immediate changes he recommends, he will note that for future wishlist items.
3. Ms. Deel asked if patrons would notice any change and Mr. Brown responded that results for catalog searches would be faster for the patron experience.

- B. Mr. Brown left the meeting at 8:02pm

- IV. Minutes

- A. On a motion by Ms. Kucher, which Mr. Bonam seconded, the board discussed the regular meeting minutes from May 14, 2024. Mr. Tyler offered a clarifying detail on point C.3 noting that candidates running for Oakland Township Library board were “disqualified by the Oakland County Clerk”. The board voted to unanimously approve the minutes as amended.

V. Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed.

VI. Monthly Bills

A. On a motion by Mr. Bonam, which Ms. Kucher seconded, the board discussed the monthly bills for May 2024, which totaled \$500,781.99.

1. Ms. Morian noted that this month's bills are higher because there were three pay periods in this month (and usually there are only two within a month).

2. Ms. West asked about why there were bills for both T-Mobile and Verizon, and Ms. Morian stated that T-Mobile is the carrier for the WiFi hotspots that are loaned to the public and Verizon is the carrier that maintains cellular plans for staff that are on-call or for the devices maintained on the bookmobile vehicles.

B. The board voted to unanimously approve the monthly bills after discussion concluded.

VII. Communications

A. The board reviewed and filed the communications with no significant discussion.

VIII. Director's Report and Statistical Report

A. The board reviewed and filed the director's report and statistical report with no significant discussion.

IX. Committee Reports – no updates

X. Other Business

A. Centennial Gala Update – Ms. Morian reported on catering options and recommended setting the ticket price at \$100/person to offset the costs. There was minor discussion from the board on various elements of the party that would make it a special and memorable event.

B. Requests to hold political candidate meet and greets at the library – Ms. Morian explained the pros, cons, and considerations that accompany the request by a community member to use a library meeting room for a political candidate meet and greet with their constituents in the community. The board took no action and directed Ms. Morian to continue with the status quo approach of denying requests for meeting room bookings solely to host a political candidate meet and greet and explain that it is a form of canvassing that can only occur on public sidewalks. The Policy Committee will review the meeting room policy at their next meeting and recommend possible edits or policy changes to the board at a future date.

C. List of Single-Signature Vendors – On a motion by Mr. Bonam, which was seconded by Ms. West, the board unanimously approved updating the list due to business name change for the existing lawn care contractor.

XI. Board Comments

A. Ms. Kucher stated that she is eager to recognize the Friends of RHPL in a broader way for their individual contribution to the library's operations.

- B. Ms. Deel commented that she attended the Summer Reading Kick-off party on Saturday, June 8th and that it was a lovely event and well attended.
- C. Ms. West reported that she attended a webinar by the Michigan Library Association on the topic of library millages and that it imparted interesting information.

XII. Questions and Comments from the Liaisons

- A. Mr. Tyler provided some statistical research he completed on taxable values in Oakland Township and how a request to increase the millage formula used in the RHPL and the Oakland Township library contract would affect property owners in Oakland Township.
- B. Mr. Tyler stated that the Oakland Township Library Board is aware that if the Rochester Hills residents approve a millage increase, he will request a meeting of the Oakland Township Library Board on August 8th to discuss next steps. He encouraged RHPL to be prepared with talking points in advance of August 8th regarding the millage.

XIII. The regular meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Anne Kucher, Secretary