

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY
May 17, 2018
Secretary's Report

Present: Brian Kulpa-Town Supervisor, Joe McMahon-Chief of Staff, Jeffrey Voelkl, Marjorie Franknecht, Carolyn Giambra, , Michele Iannello -Ward ,Philip Casilio
Excused Absence: Penny Wolfgang, Crista Stoklosa
Also Present: Roseanne Butler-Smith, Donna Kerr, Francina Spoth

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Mr. Voelkl at 3:32 pm at the Audubon Library.

2) Approval of Agenda

The agenda for today's meeting was approved .Ms. Franknecht motioned, Ms. Iannello-Ward seconded.

3) Public Comment

None

4) President's Report

Mr. Voelkl called for a roll call. Introductions made.

5) Expansion of the Main Library at Audubon

A.)2018-2019 grant cycle of the New York State Construction Grant

Mr. Voelkl called this meeting to announce there is money for an expansion through grants and also from State Senator Mike Ranzenhofer.

Mr. Kulpa explained the history behind the expansion proposal dating back a few years ago. Those plans did not proceed at that time due to the need for expansion of the West Seneca Library. Capital funding is available now .

Mr. Kulpa explained the two types of funding available and the timetable for securing each Grant.

Phase 1:

SAM Grant- May 2018

Library Grant- July 2018

SAM Grant- April 2019

Phase 2:

Library Grant- July 2019

SAM Grant- April 2020

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frames. Expected cost of the project based on Mr. Kulpa's projections would be in the \$2.4 million range.

Mr. Kulpa reported that immediate site needs will be done in the next week to take advantage of the May 2018 SAM grant. Mr. Kulpa plans to have a public meeting in the near future.

Mr. Kulpa led a brainstorming session to develop ideas for immediate site needs and future building needs. Those in attendance suggested these items for immediate site needs:

- * Electric car charging station (revenue maker)
- * playground (under Town park system)
- * covered seating area
- * intergenerational space
- * bicycle hub with bike racks, bathrooms, water fountains
- * connection promenade to Senior Center
- * outdoor reading space (amphitheater like area)
- * outside chess/checkerboard boards

Suggested ideas for building needs :

- * cooking and demonstration kitchen
- * active space/quiet separation
- * outside space for movie presentations
- * make the new area a place to be (updates)
- * small meeting rooms (with glass partitions that are moveable)
- * collaboration hubs
- * coffee shop(revenue maker)
- * lighting improvements

Ms. Butler-Smith announced there will be \$1.4 million in grant money allocated this year to BECPL Sysytem. Other libraries will want a share of this money. The Town of Amherst must match whatever amount is allocated to us at 50%. Mr. Kulpa noted that a short term loan or a bond issue will be needed for this project.

Ms. Butler-Smith announced she will not be writing this grant. Mr. Kulpa noted that Town works with a grant writer. Ms. Butler-Smith also asked that replacement of the carpeting for Audubon Library be written into the grant. Construction in the Children's area will make that request a necessity.

6) Bills-

County Bills Paid- Motion to accept by Ms. Franknecht, seconded by Ms. Feuerstein. Approved by all.

Williamsville Bill paid- Motion to accept by Ms. Franknecht, seconded by Ms. Feuerstein. Approved by all.

Other Bills- Motion to approve by Ms. Feuerstein, seconded by Ms. Franknechet. Approved by all.

7) Next Meeting Date-

July 12, 2018 @ Audubon Library

8) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 4:45 pm. Motion to adjourn –Michele Iannello-Ward, seconded by Marilyn Feuerstein.