

**VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS
MINUTES OF THE NEW GLARUS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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Wednesday, May 5, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: Vice President Beth Blahut called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Those present via teleconference, in addition to Beth Blahut, were trustees Jody Hoesly, Shelly Truttmann, Suzi Janowiak, and Village Board Liaison Tammy Newberry. Also present, Library Director Holly Lague, Jim Gersich and Tina Gordon of Dimension IV, and citizen Daniel Blewett.
2. Approval of Agenda: Shelly Truttmann moved to approve, 2nd by Jody Hoesly. Motion carried.
3. Comments & Questions from the Public: Daniel Blewett stated that he lives near the Shepherd of the Hills church and was attending to gain more information about the new library project
4. Old Business
 - A. Discussion and Consideration: Library Building Project: Shelly Truttmann and Kaylee Walters attended the May 4 Village Board meeting to discuss the possible purchase agreement. The Village Board indicated they were interested in the possible purchase but wanted the Library Board to have a public engagement session first. Jim Gersich indicated the team had met with the Building Committee and as a result a fourth possible site plan is an option. Tina Gordon showed those present via screen sharing the various options for placement of the building. She indicated that one of the priorities of the team and the Library Board is preservation of the sledding hill, so the options have been designed to reflect that. Access would be off 10th Ave. Option 1 included a drive-up book drop. Discussion of various scenarios for utility placement. Jody Hoesly added that each option is designed to improve the current flow of storm water in the area. Options 2-4 were reviewed as well. All versions included 6,900 square feet as the initial build, with options to add on if funds permitted. Option 4 added additional parking spaces. Jim Gersich and Tina Gordon left the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Discussion of estimated costs and timeline for moving forward. The Building Committee has made some recommendations to the Library Board regarding next steps and cost savings; as well as their thoughts on which design options seem the most practical right now. Consensus to focus now on the initial proposed space. Motion by Jody Hoesly to move forward with Phase 1 design first and not solicit detailed designs for future phases at this time, 2nd by Tammy Newberry. After further discussion, motion was withdrawn. Discussion of which of the four presented options the board preferred. Consensus was that option 4 seems to offer the most positives. Consensus to move forward with Phase 1 site plan and save options for future phases for a later time. Discussion of pausing the floor plan design for now until we have further assurance the project will move forward. Motion to continue with site plan for Phase 1, option 4, remove future phases from the present design work, and pause on interior floor plan for now, by Suzi Janowiak, 2nd by Shelly Truttmann. Motion carried.

Public Information Session: As per direction from the Village Board, it seems a good idea to move forward quickly with this session. Discussion of holding an outdoor session on the proposed site, as it not only provides a greater degree of safety than an indoor event during the pandemic, but also offers a way for citizens and neighboring property owners to envision how

the library would sit on the site. Discussion of public awareness for the event by direct mail and/or door hangers, social media, and in the press. Saturday May 22 was proposed, with a rain date of Sunday, May 23 with an open house (drop-in) format, 2:00-5:00 pm. Director Lague and Kaylee Walters will work on a design for the mailing/door hangers and for the feedback forms we will provide to attendees.

- B. Discussion and Consideration: Phased Reopening of the Library: Director Lague shared that the library staff are preparing the space for reopening to indoor services. This must be done in coordination with Village Hall as a whole, to provide access to the library's interior door. Director Lague requested the Board's permission to shift quickly into reopening as soon as the Village confirms a date, with reduced furniture and continued requirements for masks; consensus was to support this approach

5. New Business

6. Reports/Discussion/Consideration:

- A. Administration Team: Jody Hoesly updated the board on the latest report.
 - CFSW Financial Report
- B. Building Committee : Jody Hoesly complimented the design team for their professional and responsive attitude as they work with the Building Committee
- C. Communication Team
- D. Grants Team will meet on May 13
- E. Partnership Team weekly trivia is a good way to interact with local businesses.
- F. Village Board Liaison
- G. Friends of the Library Donation day was a huge success. Registration is live for the upcoming daytime outdoor trivia event.
- H. President's Report

7. Adjournment: Vice President Beth Blahut adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzi Janowiak, Secretary