

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

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Wednesday, June 2, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: President Linda Hiland called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Those present via teleconference, in addition to Hiland, were trustees Beth Blahut, Jody Hoesly, Suzi Janowiak, Shelly Truttmann (arrived at 7:19 PM), and Village Board Liaison Tammy Newberry. Also present, Library Director Holly Lague, Village Administrator Drake Daily, and citizen Rachel Frye. Absent: Trustee Kaylee Walters.
2. Announcement: The Library Board will convene into closed session called under WI State Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Negotiation of purchase agreement with Shepherd of the Hills for potential new library site)
3. Approval of Agenda – Tammy Newberry moved to approve the agenda, second by Beth Blahut. Motion carried.
4. Comments & Questions from the Public
 - A. Rachel Frye commented that it's great to see the congregation, Village and Library Board working together to make progress on the building project, and wanted to voice her support for all undertaking the process.
5. Old Business
 - A. Discussion and Consideration: Library Building Project
 - i. Jody Hoesly and Linda Hiland met with Beth Zurbuchen at the Swiss Center of North America to discuss removing the library furniture currently stored in their basement. A firm deadline has not been set, but Hoesly and Hiland feel that some progress should be made in the next several weeks. They've asked for volunteers of manpower and equipment to help move several large pieces of furniture to a temporary location and to rearrange some other items to clear space for the Swiss Center to begin their renovation project. Director Lague will ask Public Works if they might be able to assist.
 - ii. Public Feedback on 10th Avenue location:
 1. Tammy Newberry noted that she found the comment of switching the playground equipment and building placement interesting and would like to explore the idea. Discussion about whether there would be adequate space for the building and whether future expansion would be possible with the stormwater drainage and utilities through Valley Lane. Director Lague noted that the design team had initially asked about this possibility and may have insight into potential cost savings of locating the building closer to the road for utility hookup and shorter pavement runs. Linda Hiland will reach out to the architect for his opinion.
 2. Discussion of feasibility to reduce parking and change the building layout. Consensus was to avoid asking for any further design work from Dimension-IV until the property purchase has been approved, with Jody Hoesly noting that much of the feedback received will be useful as design input when that process resumes.
 3. Discussion as to whether any trustees felt the project should not move forward based on feedback. Consensus was that feedback has been more positive than negative and the project should continue to move forward.
 4. Thorough discussion and review of an FAQ list that Director Lague will post to the library's website. Director Lague will also contact any commenters who posed a specific question and/or requested follow-up.
 - iii. Discussion about how to proceed with the discussion with the Village Board. Administrator Daily said that an open session to discuss the pros and cons of the location can be held at any point. He noted that the Village Board may also want to solicit their own feedback or invite the public to

