## Northfield Township Area Library Regular Board Meeting Minutes -4/19/2022

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by R. Spooner Present: G. Hermann, C. Watkins, S. Purrington, J. Secrist, L. Strausbaugh Z. Nelson (Ex Officio), Elizabeth Absent:
- II. Additions to the agenda: Library Investments
- III. Correspondence: Fink & Fink providing copy of the Judgment and Order of Cancellation of Certain Delinquent Personal Property Taxes for the Years 2008-2015.
- IV. Comments from the Public: none
- V. Library Director's Report:
  - a. Health Insurance:
    - NTAL does not currently offer health insurance. It is the director's opinion that it is unlikely the staff would use it anyway.
    - NTAL could offer the Northfield Township's health insurance with the approval of the library board and township board. Their plan is paid with 80% employee, 20% employer.
    - The director will get details from BCBS and other options.
  - b. Hiring a summer program assistant is being considered.
  - c. Community Meet and Greet:
    Aug 11: Anticipating attendance by: Township Board, School Board,
    Library Board, Police, Fire... It is a non-campaigning event.
  - d. Library Visits: Building Committee to tour local libraries May 20.
- VI. Financial Report:
  - J. Secrist presented the financial report which was an updated report. Everything looks normal. Some significant expenses coming up in the next fiscal year. There was a discussion about the new accounting system.

Motion to accept the March 31, 2022 financial report made by S. Purrington and seconded by C. Watkins was unanimously approved.

- VII. Committee Reports: none
- VIII. Unfinished Business:
  - e. Multipurpose room policy Policy Committee will reschedule with Zaley
  - f. Library visits, May 20th
- IX. New business:
  - a. Tree bids:

There are several dying trees that need to be removed. There was discussion on replacing trees.

There was discussion of differences in the bids to remove the trees and which ones include stump grinding.

The intent is to have the removal of 3 dead trees plus the big spruce tree. The director will pick one of the bids and issue the payment to have the work done.

\_ Date: May 17, 2022

- Library Investments:
   Discussion on CDs. Some concern on having them finish at the same time. J. Secrist will investigate getting rates on new CDs for a future meeting.
- X. Comments from the Board: Linda spent time with the library staff and enjoyed it.
- XI. Comments from public: Elizabeth talked about Summer Camp Themes.
- XII. Adjournment: 8:03 pm

  <u>Motion to adjourn made by G. Hermann seconded by S. Purrington was unanimously approved.</u>

Gerald Hermann

Secretary Northfield Township Area Library