

**PEABODY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
April 13, 2022**

The Library Board of Trustees met at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Greg Hockemeyer, Chris Bechtold, Mark Parker, Lori Shipman, Beth Bloom, Nicki Baker, Carmen Jagger and Director Mary Hartman.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular business meeting was called to order by President Greg Hockemeyer.

**ICE MILLER, BAKER-TILLY**

Kristin McClellan from Ice-Miller and Lisa Huntington from Baker-Tilly gave presentations on bond options.

After the presentation it was decided to discuss the options and possible projects at the May Board meeting.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular March Board meeting were approved.

**A motion to approve was made by Chris Bechtold.  
Seconded by Beth Bloom. Motion carried.**

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DIRECTOR**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mary made the Board aware of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Rights Advocates, The Michigan Constitutional Crusaders, who are going into public spaces recording the buildings.

The Friends of the Library meeting times have been changed from 4:00 pm to 11:30 am in hopes of possibly attracting new members. The meeting dates are still on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

The current staff evaluation form will meet the needs if the decision is made to go to merit raises in the future.

Mary shared the list of libraries that are currently open on Sunday.

The transition of the library website will be completed soon.

The Libraries Trustee training with the Whitley County Libraries is April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mary requested approval for a new 24-hour Professional Assistant position which would be split between adult services and library marketing since our current contracted marketing person will be leaving in August.

**A motion to create the new position was made by Lori Shipman. Seconded by Mark Parker. Motion carried.**

### **CLAIMS**

There was discussion regarding the Nipsco bill and charges. Mary will look into possible reasons for the increase in monthly charges.

**A motion to approve the April claims and payroll was made by Lori Shipman. Seconded by Nicki Baker. Motion carried.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Nicki Baker moved to adjourn. Seconded by Beth Bloom. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Bloom, Secretary