

Indian Prairie Public Library  
Board of Trustees Minutes

**Truth in Taxation Hearing**

**November 16, 2011 - 7 p.m.**

- A. Call to Order and Statement of Purpose – President Megaridis called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Marian Krupicka, Crystal Megaridis, Luanne Spiros, Victoria Suriano, Robert Thomas, Jamie Bukovac, Laura Birmingham, Maria Wlosinski. Absent: Paul Oggerino, Jo Ann Schusterich. Megaridis stated that the purpose of the hearing was to provide opportunity for public comment on the proposed property tax levy increase. She read the Legal Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Indian Prairie Public Library District that ran in The Doings Newspaper on November 3, 2011.
- B. Public Questions/Comments – There was no public in attendance.
- C. Closing of Hearing – Megaridis closed the hearing at 7:05 p.m.

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**

**November 16, 2011 – 7:10 p.m.**

A. Roll Call

President Megaridis called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Secretary Suriano called the roll.

Present: Marian Krupicka, Crystal Megaridis, Jo Ann Schusterich, Luanne Spiros, Victoria Suriano, Robert Thomas

Absent: Paul Oggerino

Staff Present: Jamie Bukovac, Laura Birmingham, Maria Wlosinski, Jennifer Asimakopoulos

Others:

President Megaridis asked for additions and/or corrections to the agenda. There were none.

B. Oath of Office: Thomas took the oath of office.

C. Mission Statement: Secretary Suriano read the library mission statement. We enrich peoples' lives by providing opportunities to explore, connect, and be inspired.

Vision Statement: Secretary Suriano read the library vision statement. Our community depends upon the Indian Prairie Public Library District as a vital and trusted resource for achieving personal goals and enhancing quality of life. With welcoming, state-of-the-art service, the library is an essential center of learning, inspiration, and community pride.

D. Public Comment

E. Communications and Announcements

- 1. Topinka to Krupicka re: Fiscal Responsibility Report Card

At this point the Board proceeded with the Staff Report. Asimakopoulos left at 7:40 p.m. and the Board continued with the Omnibus Consent Agenda and the rest of the agenda.

F. Omnibus Consent Agenda

- 1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, October 19, 2011
- 2. Treasurer's Report

3. Action on Bill/Additional Bills
4. 2012 Days Closed
5. Ordinance #2011-7 Directing County Clerk as to PTELL Reduction
6. Resolution #2011-E To Provide IPPL Cards to Residents Who Pay the Building Bond Tax  
Item F3 was distributed tonight. There was no information for item F2 and it was deleted from the Omnibus Consent Agenda.  
Suriano moved, Schusterich seconded to set the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously. Krupicka moved, Suriano seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda – Item F2

H. Library Director's Report

Bukovac distributed material regarding the privatization of libraries for the Board to review. They will determine if they want the topic on a future agenda. Bukovac updated the Board with respect to House Bill 3793 and the status of other bills. Bukovac reported that the bricks were installed yesterday in the Reading Garden. Bukovac demonstrated the new calendar and program registration. In the spring, outside groups will be able to reserve rooms; we are working out the details. Schusterich said she was very impressed with Cigler's report and the business card analysis. Suriano said that Dancin' in the Stacks was wonderful and thanked Birmingham for doing a great job.

- I. Staff Report - Jennifer Asimakopoulos, Senior Adult Services Librarian, spoke to the Board about the library's databases for which she assumed responsibility six months ago. She distributed a listing of our databases and usage statistics and demonstrated the Job and Career Accelerator database. With respect to marketing, Asimakopoulos said that according to our community survey only about half of our users are aware of our databases. So she worked with Cigler to develop a long-term marketing campaign. It included: focusing on two databases intensely for six months; adding more newsletter coverage; featuring a new database in each e-news; highlighting databases on our website; redesigning our brochure and developing a separate kids and teens brochure; developing business cards for our twelve most popular resources; advertising in the high schools to increase teacher and student awareness. Asimakopoulos showed the Board the database page on our current website and what it will look like on our new website; we will be introducing some widgets and rotating featured resources. Asimakopoulos would like to do more cross-promotion by including information at the consumer and investment tables; adding the resource business cards in more areas in adult services as well as adding them to the kids and teens area; adding shelf talkers in the stacks. The Board thanked Asimakopoulos for the great job she has done in the short time she has been responsible for the databases.

J. Reports

1. WB/BR Chamber of Commerce – Cigler's report is in the packet.
2. Darien Chamber of Commerce (no report)
3. RAILS (no report)
4. Building and Grounds (no report)
5. Finance Committee (no report)
6. Plan/Annexation Committee (no report)
7. Policy Committee (no report)

K. Unfinished Business

1. 2012-2014 Strategic Plan – Bukovac said that the information will be put into a brochure

and onto our website. Spiros suggested that a thank-you note and a copy of the brochure be sent to the stakeholders. Suriano pointed out that the vision statement is incomplete; Bukovac will make the correction. Spiros moved, Suriano seconded to approve the 2012-2014 Strategic Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

2. 2011 Strategic Plan Update – Bukovac said that staff has done a great job conducting how-to workshops for staff from other libraries.
3. Ordinance #2011-6 Levying and Assessing Taxes – The Truth in Taxation Hearing took place before the Board meeting tonight and Item K3 was presented at the October Board meeting in draft form. Suriano moved, Spiros seconded to approve Ordinance #2011-6 Levying and Assessing Taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

L. New Business

1. 2012 Health Insurance – The Board discussed the backup and compared the plans. Krupicka moved, Suriano seconded to offer Plan A and Plan C to staff. Motion carried unanimously. Suriano moved, Krupicka seconded to offer Plan C at a cost of 15% to staff and 85% to the library as presented in library policy. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Donation in honor of Dimpy Pathria – Bukovac said that the library was the only institution that Dimpy, a Burr Ridge resident, had mentioned to her husband. Dimpy's parents who live in California would like to make a \$5,000 donation to the library. Bukovac discussed the donation with Dimpy's husband. He is interested in using a portion of the donation for a bench or sculpture in the Reading Garden. The Board liked the sculpture idea so Bukovac will work with the art committee and Dimpy's husband on it. Bukovac also suggested some type of an endowment be created in Dimpy's name that could be used each year. She will discuss the idea with Dimpy's husband. The library has received other donations in honor of Dimpy that went toward a brick for the Reading Garden, a leaf for the Donor Tree and books to add to our collection.

M. Scheduled Meetings

Committee members for the Building and Grounds Committee discussed meeting dates. Birmingham will e-mail Oggerino to get his input. Due to a lack of agenda items the Board will not meet in December.

N. Community Events

O. Library Events

1. The Splendors of Sicily-Palermo and Monreale, November 16, 7 p.m.
2. Book Discussion, *The Talented Mr. Ripley* by Patricia Highsmith, November 17, 7 p.m. at Downers Grove Wine Shop
3. Family Movie, *African Cats*, November 23, 2:30 p.m.
4. Teen Movie Time, *Transformers: Dark of the Moon*, November 25, 6:15 p.m.
5. Bulletproof Interviewing: Your Best Answers to the Worst Questions, November 29, 7 p.m.
6. Lyric Opera Lecture: The Magic Flute, December 1, 7 p.m.

P. Adjournment

At 9:05 p.m. Spiros moved, Krupicka seconded to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

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Victoria Suriano, Secretary