

Minutes: Jordan Bramley Library 2023 Annual Meeting

Jordan Bramley Library Board of Trustees
Minutes for the Annual Meeting
Monday January 30, 2023

Attendance: T. Sullivan, M. Smart, A. Ryan, S. MacDowall, K. Vellone, S. Ziemba
Absent: L. Byrnes, D. Barber

Guest Attendance: 5 in person including Mayor Brim and several village board members, and County Legislator Ken Bush

The Annual Meeting began at: 6:08 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Tim S. welcomed our guests. Each trustee introduced him/herself.

The following annual reports were given with copies available to those in attendance:

Director's Report: Tim S. highlighted the year starting with the library's facelift with the front landscaping and new sidewalks installed by Reilley's Landscaping and tree removal by AJP Treeworks. New boilers were also installed to replace our failing heating system. New signage and shutters are in the works and all is 75% funded through a state construction grant. A large donation to remodel the Community Room kitchen is being planned with John Nevin Construction and he will possibly be painting the pole barn. New shelves were installed in the pole barn to better house our used books. The installation was an Eagle Scout project by Porter Ross.

We had a great fundraising year. From our Spring Plant/Book Sale, to our Easter Basket Raffle and Meet the Easter Bunny night; from our Book Shoppe sales, to our Christmas Basket Raffle. We raised more than our previous year. The library also sold a donated painting that netted \$3,360.

Our interaction and collaboration with the community continues. The library participated in the Village Christmas, providing a storyboard walk through the village, ending in making crafts themed with the book. We then held another Christmas Gala, where the JE Community Band performed and the Jordan Historical Society and Museum was open for tours. The same night we offered horse drawn sleigh rides and Santa and Mrs. Claus from Lyons Bank paid a visit. Over the summer, we offered two Jordan Pool passes for families to sign out for the day. The Jordan Pool donated one pass in exchange for a donated bench we could not utilize and the library purchased the other pass.

Our Summer Reading Program on average had a participation of 53 children and teens weekly. With the assistance of Jonna Weaver, we provided six take-home craft kits. The library gained 77 new patrons and added 2,468 items to our collection.

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Tim S. presented the Secretary's Minutes for the 2022 Annual Meeting and those in attendance read through the document. Tim S. stated we would hold off on the Treasurer's Report.

Tim S. made the motion to approve the 2022 Annual Director's and Secretary's Reports:

Motion: K. Vellone

2nd: S. MacDowall

Vote: 6-0 in favor

The budget proposal for the 2023/24 year was reviewed by Tim S. citing the need to increase the budget by \$12,000 due to the state minimum wage increase and the need to hire/retain staff and to the increase in operating expenses.

Whereas, the adoption of the 2023 budget for the Jordan Bramley Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Jordan Bramley Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2023 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on Monday, January 30, 2023.

Vote to approve the 2023-24 budget proposal to exceed the tax levy limit for 2023:

Motion: M. Smart

2nd: S. MacDowall

Vote: Yay-6 Nay-0 Absent -1 motion carries

Tim S. led a discussion about the Snow Plow Day and Mr. Stapleton from the village board asked about which entity would be responsible for liability insurance. After a brief discussion, it was agreed all parties - the library, the town, the village would look into it before the event would commence.

Tim S. asked the Mayor if the village would continue with snow removal and lawn mowing. He thanked the village and stated the library would take it over should the village be unable to continue. Mayor Brim said he would get back to Tim.

Tim asked County Legislator Bush if the village would see any impact from the Micron building. Mr. Bush stated there are not too many details being provided at this time but most likely the impact would be felt in the Cicero/North Syracuse area.

Tim asked about the Mainstreet Monies. Both Mayor Brim and Leg. Bush both felt the window had closed or was closing fast. Tim S. asked if we could resubmit last year's proposal and Brim stated yes. Mindy S. would send him last year's proposal.

Tim S. discussed the library's collaboration with the JE School District, providing story time, classroom visits, and books to our elementary students; providing library cards to our middle school and high school students.

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A brief discussion led by Mindy S. and Stew M. about Better World Books was given to inform the public about another way to recycle our old books.

Tim S. asked Mayor Brim if cannabis was going to be coming to the village as a business. The mayor stated the village opted out of it because if a village opts in, they cannot change to opt out but if the municipality opts out, they have the option to opt in.

Tim S. asked the audience if there is anything the library can do for the village. A village board member stated Linda Byrnes has been very helpful with some research she was doing for some village projects. Ken Bush asked how the county library system is helping the Jordan Library and Tim directed him to Linda B as the best person to answer that question.

Tim made a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting

Motion: M. Smart

2nd: S. MacDowall

Vote: 6-0 in favor

The Annual Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mindy Smart,
Secretary