

**Worth Public Library  
Board Meeting  
January 12, 2021  
7:00 P.M.**

**In accordance with Governor Pritzker’s COVID-19 Executive Order, this meeting will be conducted online using a Zoom video conference. The public is welcome to attend by telephone using the following number. They will be muted until the public comments portion of the meeting.**

**Phone: 312-626-6799**

**Meeting ID 971 1878 2969**

**Password: 358672**

**Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to [libraryboard@worthlibrary.com](mailto:libraryboard@worthlibrary.com) by 5:00 P.M. on January 11<sup>th</sup> will be read aloud during agenda item 8.**

1. Call to order—The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Bahira Karim.
2. Roll call—The following trustees were present: Bahira Karim, Carol Looby, Wendy McCarthy, K. C. McKenna Schlee, Karen Regan, and Melissa Soliday. Tom Miller was absent with prior notification.  
Also present: Administrative Librarian Carol Hall  
No member of the public attended.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion to establish Consent Agenda—Motion to establish the Consent Agenda including items a, b, and c was made by Karen Regan and seconded by Carol Looby.
  - a. Approve minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
  - b. Approve payment of monthly bills in the amount of \$72,055.68
  - c. Approve Treasurer’s Report

Balance, December 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$1,250,867.90
Revenues	4,176.60
Expenditures	75,494.76
Balance, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$1,179,549.74

Yes: Bahira Karim, Carol Looby, Wendy McCarthy, K. C. McKenna Schlee, Karen Regan, and Melissa Soliday  
No: None
5. Motion to approve Consent Agenda—Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Karen Regan and seconded by Wendy McCarthy.  
Yes: Bahira Karim, Carol Looby, Wendy McCarthy, K. C. McKenna Schlee, Karen Regan, and Melissa Soliday

No: None

6. Communications

- Copy of holiday ad in the Village View newspaper
- Information regarding Illinois Library Association's annual Legislative Meet up on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. One of our representatives—Fran Hurley—has agreed to attend. If anyone would like to be registered, please notify the Administrative Librarian.

7. Librarian's Report

- Future meetings—There is not enough space in the meeting room for a full board meeting as long as we have to allow for visitors and social distancing.
- We are watching for news from the governor about moving to a less restrictive mitigation tier.
- We hope that vaccines will become more widely available. The Illinois Library Association is advocating
  - for school librarians to be included with other school educators in group 1B and
  - and for public library staff to be included in group 1C

Members of the library community have been asked to send supporting letters to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

- There appears to be some construction work in the strip mall to the West of the library. Perhaps a new business will be opening.
- I attended a SWAN Zoom meeting on the topic of renewing Ebsco databases for the coming fiscal year. We do not have firm numbers as to the cost for individual SWAN libraries. The price negotiated by SWAN would provide more databases at a lower price than each library would pay for two databases by negotiating on their own.
- The Per Capita Grant must be submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Staff and Board members are required to review *Serving Our Public 4.0: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries* and report their findings on each of the 13 chapters. Each board member received a copy of the book. The chapters are only about 5 pages each.

8. Public Comment—None received

9. Committee Reports—None

10. Unfinished Business--None

11. New Business

- a. Approve transfer of funds from Corporate Fund to Building Fund

Motion to transfer \$60,000 from Corporate Fund to Building Fund was made by Bahira Karim and seconded by Karen Regan.

Discussion: The transfer was recommended by our auditor. Taxes paid into the Building Fund are sometimes insufficient to cover all expenditures debited to it. The transfer will keep the fund from being in deficit at the end of the fiscal year.

Yes: Bahira Karim, Carol Looby, Wendy McCarthy, K. C. McKenna Schlee, Karen Regan, and Melissa Soliday

No: None

12. Set dates for committee meetings—None set at this time.

13. Adjournment--Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carol Looby and seconded by Melissa Soliday.

Yes: Bahira Karim, Carol Looby, Wendy McCarthy, K. C. McKenna Schlee, Karen Regan, and Melissa Soliday

No: None

The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Bahira Karim \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Wendy McCarthy \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice-President