

Pentwater Township Library
Board Work Session
Minutes
03/21/2023

Call to Order: The Board Work Session was held at the PTL and was called to order at 6:27 PM by Board President Valerie Church-McHugh.

Roll Call Present: Kendra Flynn, Joan LundBorg, Jennifer Gwillim, and Valerie Church-McHugh.
Absent: Amber Jaeb and Melissa Williams.

Also Present: Mary Barker, PTL Director

Work Session Minutes 2022 11 01: *Motion by Gwillim with support by LundBorg to approve the minutes of the 2022 11 01 work session minutes. Approved.* Still need to approve the 01/03/2023 work session minutes.

Educating Ourselves:

- **Headlee** (Gwillim) – Gwillim discussed the impact of Headlee on the PTL budget.
 - Look into PR materials to develop prior to any millage election. Check with other libraries for their materials. What information on Headlee do we need to include?
 - Watch the additional seminars on millages. Gwillim will send out the links.
 - What are the issues involved with being a township library?
 - Find out the current tax levy in the Village and the Township? What are the maximum total levies allowed by law? Does becoming a City allow higher taxes.
- **Consultants** (Jaeb) – In the absence of Jaeb need to discuss at next Board meeting. By consensus we all agreed it is important to bring on a consultant early on as we discuss holding a millage election. Committee will bring potential candidates to our next meeting.
- **Financials** –
 - Need to determine the living wage for Oceana/Pentwater.
 - What are the current wages for school personnel?
 - Prior budgets were supplied to review the percent of increase annually.
- **Election Dates** -
 - Chart presented that outlined upcoming election dates and filing deadlines.
 - Discussed that the first workable date for a millage election is May 7, 2024.
 - Petition/signatures will not be required.
 - Must submit millage language for the township for approval.
 - When will the school district go for the next bond issue?
 - Pros and cons for the best time to have a millage election.
- **Weare Township** –
 - Talk with attorney to see what our options are.
 - Check with Hart to see if they have a long-term plan when it comes to Weare.
 - Consider not having a contact with them and charging residents to library cards.

Adjournment: Flynn adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Pending