SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 26, 2015
6:30 PM
MINUTES

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mount Vernon Public Library was held on March 26, 2015 at the Mount Vernon Public Library, 28 South First Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York 10550. Brian Johnson who presided called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

ROLL CALL

Trustees Present; Linda Bryant, Oscar Davis, Brian Johnson and Na’im Tyson.
Trustee Absent: Darren Morton

Also Present: Thomas Keller and Tamara Stewart, Library Patrons; Gary Newman and Cathy Webb, Library Staff; Carolyn Karwoski, Library Director; Jose Alvelo, Interim Treasurer; Juan Jaramillo, Chief Account Clerk and Mary Harper, Administrative Assistant.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Carolyn Karwoski said that the voters of the community overwhelmingly voted for last year’s budget. They had faith that with a stable budget, the library would improve.

Mrs. Karwoski talked about the collaboration between the public and the library staff and the goal of creating a 21st century library. She said in order to continue the growth going forward she recommended a 1.5% increase in the budget.

Jose Alvelo said that the library is appealing to the tax payers to consider a 1.5% increase. We would maintain the current materials budget and consider the hire of three part-timers.

There are increased costs in health insurance and in building maintenance.

Mr. Alvelo said as of March the library has not received all of its funding. The proposed increase is about $65,000.

Trustee Tyson suggested that all revenue sources be shown on the library website. He spoke about the increase in the line item for profession fees.
Trustee Davis asked if we were going to keep the consultant as the treasurer. He asked was a comparison done on the cost of a salaried person. He asked if there were a treasurer position in the budget.

Trustee Tyson reviewed the line items for building operations, retirement expenses and health and medical which have all increased.

Carolyn Karwoski said that the consultant was helping with the strategic plan,
Jose Alvelo said that he is waiting for the city to give the retirement estimates.

Trustee Davis said that most department heads have stated that they need more help, Will adding only three part-time positions help. Carolyn Karwoski said it is a start. We have to take benefit costs into account.

Trustee Johnson said going into next year we will look at staffing needs. Is it more prudent too hire part-timers or more beneficial to hire full timers even though we have to pay benefits.

Trustee Tyson said that Sunday Service is not considered in the budget and we are above operating hours. Trustee Johnson said that the Foundation had been reestablished. The first fund raising effort could be for Sunday Service.

Trustee Davis said that based on the amount of e-rate money that is being sought we will have to come-up with $50,000. Carolyn Karwoski said that we can look at various budget lines to cover the costs.

The date of the election and whether it must be on a Tuesday was discussed.

Trustee Davis suggested it be held on the same day as the school. The people who come out to vote for the library are the people who support it.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution 00029-15**

Upon a motion by Na’im Tyson, seconded by Linda Bryant, the Board approved resolution 00029-15. The motion carried 4 yes, 0 no.

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Resolution 00029-15

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TAX CAP OVERRIDE FOR THE BUDGET VOTE**

WHEREAS, the adoption of the 2015-2016 budget for the Mount Vernon Public 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 Mount Vernon Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2015-2016 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on March 26, 2015.
Yea   Nay   Abstain
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Trustees
Linda Bryant
Oscar Davis
Brian G. Johnson
Darren M. Morton
Na'im R. Tyson

Submitted by: Carolyn Karwoski

Signed: Brian G. Johnson Date: 03/26/15

Brian G. Johnson, President

Resolution 00020-15

Resolution 00020-15 to approve the 2015-2016 budget failed to receive a motion twice and was tabled.

Trustee Tyson said that the finance committee worked hard to bring as much budget information as possible given the time frame.

Upon a motion Na'im Tyson, seconded by Linda Bryant the Board approved resolution 00035-15. The motion carried 4 yes, 0 no.

Resolution 00035-15

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Board of Trustees
Resolution 00035-15

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CENTRAL LIBRARY PROPOSED BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Director of the Mount Vernon Public Library recommends to the Board that they vote to approve the Central Library Budget as presented by the Westchester Library System and the Public Library Directors Association,

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library need to approve the Central Library Budget,
NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library has approved, adopted and authorized the acceptance of the Central Library Budget.

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Submitted by: Carolyn Karwoski

Signed:  [Name] Date: 3/26/15

Brian G. Johnson, President

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion by Na’im Tyson, seconded by Linda Bryant, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Karwoski
Secretary