

Peter White Public Library Township Advisory Council Minutes – June 7, 2017

This was the annual joint meeting of the Peter White Township Advisory Council (TAC) and Peter White Board of Trustees. The TAC meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Karen Maki. The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 5.01 by President Anne Donahue.

TAC Members Present: Greg Hardy, Andrea Ingmire, Peggy Jensen, Orajane Kennedy, Karen Maki, Sandra Page, Jan Raskin, Sandra Robertson, Suzanne Standerford, Lainey Stevens

TAC Members Absent: Mary Davis

Board of Trustees Members Present: Andrew Dalian, Anne Donahue, John Mallo, Patrick Myron, Carol Steinhaus

Others Present: Dr. Tom Bronken

Introductions: None

The Agenda was approved with no additions.

The Minutes from the March 1, 2017 Meeting were approved without change.

Public Participation: None

Financial Report: Andrea Ingmire (PWPL) reported that the library revenue is limited in June due to the timing of revenue source payments. Finance Officer Rick Orr has indicated that sufficient funds exist to carry the library comfortably until revenue sources are restored in mid July. Peggy Jensen asked about the penal fines. Andrea explained that the library gets a portion of fines for infractions such as speeding tickets, etc. Andrea also mentioned that the library's portion of penal fines for Powell Township are held absent an agreement with Peter White. Andrea floated an idea of offering eCards to students in Powell Township in exchange for the library's portion of the penal fines for Powell.

The tax tribunal issue and its impact on library funding was discussed. Andrea addressed the option of trying to restore the millage rates in the townships back to 1.0 using the Headlee Override. Over the years the millage rate has been reduced by provisions of the Headlee Rollback. Chocoley Township is being considered as a starting point.

The term "Headlee Rollback" became part of municipal finance lexicon in 1978 with the passage of the Headlee Amendment to Michigan's Constitution. In a nutshell, Headlee requires a local unit of government to reduce its millage when annual growth on existing property is greater than the rate of inflation. As a consequence, the local unit's millage rate gets "rolled back" so that the resulting growth in property tax revenue, community-wide, is no more than the rate of inflation. A "Headlee override" is a vote by the electors to return the millage to the amount originally authorized via charter, state statute, or a vote of the people, and is necessary to counteract the effects of the "Headlee Rollback."¹

John Mallo requested that the Board of Trustees be updated regarding the status of the dark store issue.

Library Director's Report

1 https://www.mml.org/resources/publications/one_pagers/x%20FS%20Headlee.pdf

A. Township Visits: Andrea Ingmire (PWPL) attended each of the contracted townships and reported the meetings went well. Andrea identified that each of the townships voiced different concerns and priorities. She plans on at least annual visits to the townships in the future.

B. LOA – Library Union: Two Letters of Agreement (LOA) are in process with AFSCME, the union representing library staff. The issues at hand are: (1) Paid Time Off (PTO) Liability and (2) Wage Scale adjustments for longevity. Preparatory meetings have taken place on this issues between management and union representatives and the process is ready to move to the negotiating stage.

C. Director Programming: The Director's Chat program will continue through the summer months due to the upcoming bond vote. A bond information pamphlet should be ready on June 12. Building tours will be conducted throughout the summer to show the need for building repairs.

D. Staff Updates: PWPL is now fully staffed. Two new maintenance workers have joined the staff.

Old Business

A. Code of Conduct Policy: The Code of Conduct policy was adopted on April 17, 2017 at the Board of Trustees meeting.

B. Strategic Planning: Three public input sessions and one staff session are planned. A committee will review the results of the space planning and strategic planning sessions along with survey results and provide a recommendation. Committee members are being sought. The committee will meet for a full day on August 31, 2017 at PWPL. Contact Andrea Ingmire if you have an interest in serving on this committee.

C. Bond: PWPL will be seeking funding through a city bond. A mass mailing of basic information regarding the bond will go out to City of Marquette residents one week prior to the election. Andrea emphasized that this bond applies to City of Marquette residents and not residents of the County of Marquette as a whole. A volunteer group has been formed to promote the bond. The group is accepting donations and may be contacted at mqtctypwpl@gmail.com.

New Business

A: Board Meeting TAC Representatives:

July 18	Orajane Kennedy
August 20	Karen Maki
September 19	TBD
October 17	TBD

Council Member Comments: None

Public Participation: None

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Shiras Room. Election of Officers will be held at the September meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Hardy, secretary