

**LELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**September 9, 2024**

**Board Members Present:** Jennie Berkson, Bret Crimmins, Berkley Duck, Michael Fleishman, Laurie Lisuk

**Board Members Absent:** Alan Hartwick

**Public Present:** Keith Ashley

**Staff Present:** Mark Morton

**Call to Order**

Berkley Duck, President, called the meeting to order in the Munnecke Room at 9:04 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 12, 2024, were unanimously approved.

**Construction Project**

Mark reported that he has met with Spence Brothers about construction management. They will have an updated cost estimate by September 17. We can expect bids by mid-November. It appears that the construction can be completed without having to move out of the building, and we can remain open except for the installation of carpeting and shelving. Fundraising is currently just short of \$2.5 million.

**Financial Report**

Mark reviewed the report for July included in the meeting materials. There were no unusual items. Based on the updated taxable values, our millage rate is estimated to produce an additional \$29,000 in revenue.

**Director's Report**

Mark reviewed the Director's Report included in the meeting materials. There were no unusual items. He has advised the Friends that we will want to use it as a recipient of donations to the seawall project if we are successful in acquiring the Munnecke Deed property. The irrigation system is now working but the system may need to be updated after the construction project is completed. It is currently the responsibility of the Township.

**Old Business**

*Property Transfer and Seawall*

- A revised timeline for the potential transaction was included with meeting materials.
- Due to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, the Township Board now wants the Library Board to present it with a completed draft of a purchase agreement, including all economic terms, rather arrive at an agreement with a negotiating team. Following a discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed that the terms of the draft

agreement would call for a monetary contribution of \$200,000 by the Township to the seawall reconstruction.

- Following a report by Berkley of the engagement terms proposed by Foster Swift and Chris Bzdok's firm in Traverse City and a discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the engagement of Bzdok's firm was unanimously approved.

### **New Business**

A motion to approve the placement of the Anishinaabe Heritage Monument in front of the Library in coordination with the Leelanau Historical Society and the Township was seconded and approved unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Keith Ashley suggested that the property transfer agreement with the Township should include a provision giving the Township the right to repurchase the property if, in the future, the use restrictions contained in the Munnecke Deed were eliminated for any reason.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Next Meeting: October 21, 2024 (Rescheduled from Oct. 14)

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Berkson

Secretary