

**LELAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 15, 2024**

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

Board Members Absent: None

Invited Guest: Logan Suttman

Public: Susan Ochs

Staff Present: Mark Morton

Call to Order

Berkley Duck, President, called the meeting to order in the Munnecke Room at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motions duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Budget Hearing and of the regular Board meeting, both held 3/04/24, were unanimously approved.

August Millage

Berkley reviewed the language provided by Foster Swift, our legal counsel, related to the vote on our operating millage. Following a discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was approved and adopted:

WHEREAS, the Leland Township Public Library ("Library") is a township library organized under 1877 PA 164 ("PA 164") serving the residents of Leland Township ("Township"); and

WHEREAS, as required by Section 10c of Act 164, the Library Board may determine by resolution that, if a previously authorized millage was approved for a specific number of years, the millage should be renewed; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, voters in the Township approved the Library's millage of .40 mill, which last resulted in a levy of .3815 mill in 2023, and that millage expired in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board determines that it is in the best interests and welfare of the Library and its residents that revenue be authorized for the purpose of operating, maintaining and equipping the Leland Township Public Library and for all other library purposes authorized by law; therefore, the Library has determined to request from voters a millage of .40 mill, of which .3815 mill is a renewal of the millage rate that expired in 2023 and .0185 mill is new additional millage for a period of eight (8) years, beginning with the December 2024 levy; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board has determined that placing the millage request on the ballot at the August 6, 2024, election is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the Township residents;

THEREFORE, the Library Board of the Leland Township Public Library, Leelanau County, Michigan, resolves as follows:

1. The Library Board of the Leland Township Public Library has determined that millage necessary for the support and maintenance of the Library must be renewed.
2. To that end, the Library Board resolves to approve the ballot language attached as Exhibit A and resolves and certifies that the ballot language attached as Exhibit A shall be placed on the ballot at the August 6, 2024, election.
3. The Library Board President or Treasurer is authorized and directed to promptly submit this Resolution and the ballot language attached as Exhibit A to the Clerk of Leland Township and the Leelanau County Clerk so that the attached millage proposal may be presented to voters at the August 6, 2024, election.
4. Any resolution inconsistent with this Resolution is hereby rescinded.

Logan Suttman provided the Board with his perspective and experience on millage campaigns and timing, following which Logan left the meeting.

Construction Project

The Board visited the library to assess a floor plan that would be consistent with the footprint of Option 3.2 of the HopkinsBurns drawings dated October 7, 2022. Reconvening in the Munneke Room, it was agreed that we should obtain a cost estimate for this plan, which would not require that the library move out of the building during reconstruction and would achieve most of our major renovation objectives. A meeting will be scheduled with our architects and engineers for the purpose of developing this concept further and setting the framework for obtaining a revised cost estimate and construction timetable.

Financial report

Mark reviewed the report for the period ended March 31 included with the meeting materials. There were no unusual items.

Director's Report

Mark reviewed his report included with the meeting materials, noting the arrangements for the visit by William Kent Krueger.

New Business

- On motion duly made and seconded, the Schedule for Regular Meetings for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025, included in the meeting materials, was approved.
- Under the Bylaws, Board officers for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025, are to be elected at this meeting. Each of the current officers was nominated for re-election, and a unanimous ballot was cast as follows:

President	-	Berkley Duck
Vice President	-	Alan Hartwick
Treasurer	-	Bret Crimmins
Secretary	-	Jennie Berkson
- On motion duly made and seconded, the budget adjustments highlighted in the Profit and Loss report included in the meeting materials were approved.

Director Evaluation

Mark was excused and, on motion duly made and seconded and unanimously approved by a roll call vote, the Board went into a closed session to consider periodic personnel evaluations of staff members. At the conclusion of the discussion, on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved, the closed session was ended.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Berkson, Secretary

Next Meeting: May 13, 2024