

Minutes

October 23, 2023

The Black Creek Village Library Board held a special meeting on October 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Black Creek Community Center/Library, which is located 507 South Maple Street.

1. Welcome and attendance: Rachel Hitt, Kiley Van De Hey, Sandy Heiden, Susan Anschutz, Andy Gleason, Carey Pederson and Guests: Teresa Riehl, Bruce Stephani, Sarah Stephan, Barb Van Straten, Brandi Schomisch, Rebecca Bird, Tam Reichard, Stacy DeVoe, Angela Ver Voort, Randy Vande Corpat, Gerre Revels, Kay Christenson, Linda Hegner, Chris Lopas.
-Visitors asked questions such as why so much money was cut from the library fund by the village. Per Rebecca Bird, the snow plow purchase is \$75,000 and a DOT project are the main reasons for the library budget short fall.
2. 2024 Budget
 - Discuss strategies to accommodate the proposed reduction of village funding for the library in the 2024 budget, which is a 60.5% percent drop from 2023
 - Went line by line to reduce spending. We did the best we could to reduce spending and are still coming up short. Further staffing and reduction of hours will need to be worked on if additional funding is not proved.
 - Staff compensation and benefits, including vacation leave
 - Draft a revised budget for approval at the next regular meeting of the library board
3. Draft and approve an open letter to the Black Creek Village Board of Trustees to request an opportunity to discuss the proposed budget cut and the Village's long range plan for the library.

Kiley moved to authorize Sandy to sign the open letter to the village board as amended. Carey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Andy abstained.

All board business was completed so the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by Carey Pederson.

Mission Statement

The Black Creek Village Library will provide free and equal access to all users to meet their informational, cultural and recreational needs. The Library will strive to create a community of lifelong learners by promoting literacy, supporting recreational needs and developing dynamic programming.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be the community source for literacy, technology, recreation and information in a welcoming and accessible environment.