

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CAROL STREAM – 616 Hiawatha Drive, Carol Stream, Illinois 60188

January 20, 2010

The Board of Library Trustees of the Village of Carol Stream went into Executive Session at approximately 8:18 p.m. pursuant to exceptions to the Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)1 and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)21 in order to discuss a personnel matter and minutes of closed sessions whereupon the Board discussed the aforesaid matters and no other matters in closed session.

Present: Trustees Wade, Arends, Bailey, Hudspeath, and Douglas
Absent: Trustees Shambo and Siegman
Also Present: Library Director Ann Kennedy, W. Briton Isaly of Ancel Glink

A. Recommendation, Re: November 2009 Staff Memo pertaining to the budget, tax levy, and staff salaries.

The library board discussed the necessity of issuing a retraction or clarification of the November 2009 staff memo regarding the budget, tax levy and staff salaries. W. Briton Isaly, the Library legal counsel, advised that a retraction was not required as the original memo was not defamatory to either Trustee Michael Wade or David DeRango. However, Trustee Wade suggested and Trustee Douglas agreed that a clarification was necessary to show that the budget decisions were unanimously approved by the entire library board and were not made as a result of any individual library trustee or resident. Trustee Douglas suggested possible clarifying language to be used. Legal counsel advised that the language as discussed was appropriate.

B. Semi-annual Review of Minutes of Closed Meetings

The library board discussed the minutes of closed meetings held on the following dates:

July 15, 2009 – Review of executive session minutes. It was agreed to release minutes from 2002 and 2003.

August 19, 2009 – Beginning of litigation

September 10, 2009 – Meeting with W. Briton Isaly and Tom DiCianni to discuss library civil suit

November 18, 2009 – Personnel issues pertaining to November 2009 budget memo

December 16, 2009 – Personnel issues pertaining to November 2009 budget memo

Trustee Arends requested clarification of what approval of the minutes means. Specifically, he wondered what recourse is available to a trustee who may have issue with the *content* of the minutes. It was explained that the minutes are a reflection of what

actually happens in a meeting and cannot be changed. However, the library board retains the right to keep minutes closed indefinitely, if they so wish.

Trustee Douglas asked why there were no minutes for the April 15, 2009 Executive Session, where the board discussed the performance of the Library Director. Director Ann Kennedy replied that she was not at that meeting so the meeting was not recorded in the written minutes, but that the library still retained the voice recording. Trustee Douglas requested that written minutes be composed and submitted for board approval at a later meeting date.

Trustee Douglas moved and Trustee Wade seconded that the Board come out of Closed Session at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried.

Ayes 5 Trustees Wade, Arends, Bailey, Hudspeath, and Douglas
Nays 0 None
Absent or
Not Voting 1 Trustees Shambo (absent) and Siegman (absent)

Approved: _____
(Date)

Ann Kennedy
for the Board of Library Trustees