

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
WILL BE HELD BY JOINING INFO. VIA ZOOM**

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**Notice is hereby given that the regular Library Board meeting will be held by above info.**

**Public participation will be allowed.**

**This change is in accordance with Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' recommendation designed to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus Disease**

**2019(COVID-19) and in conformance with Executive Directive No. 2020-2.**

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**MINUTES**

**January 18, 2021 @ 7:00pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Weins via videoconference call at 7:00 pm

Members: via videoconference from New Baltimore: Miiller, Lisica, Duhaime, Weins, Steffey.

Library director: via videoconference from Warren : Parij, from Clinton Township: Thomas.

Assistant Library Director: via videoconference from Chesterfield Twp.: Goike.

Librarians: via videoconference from Macomb Twp.: Gardella, Marra.

Public: via videoconference from New Baltimore: Marie Weaver

**II. AGENDA**

**Discuss the conversion of the MacDonald Public Library to a Section 10 library under Michigan Compiled Laws Section 396.210**

Weins presented the need to clarify the current legal standing of MacDonald Library under the law. He noted that legal representation would be required but shared some information known to him.

Currently the library operates under a blend of Section 1 and Section 10 features. The consensus among Board members was that this legal issue has existed for a long time and that it should be resolved for future administrations.

Some issues to consider are:

- The library board structure and operation under Section 1 and Section 10
- The financial rules pertaining to city funding and the millage for library operations
- Relationship of city administration controls and library board
- Impact on staff and their employment terms

The Board members and library staff discussed the pros and cons of current situation and future library plans.

General opinion was for a need to secure more information for any plan. It was noted that Fraser Public Library has gone through a process of clearing their legal position. Thomas will contact the director to arrange a meeting with the board to share her experience with the process.

Motion was made by Weins to further examine transferring the library to a Section 10 library. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steffey. Motion approved.

Weins noted that he would like to open a conversation with the city on the library's plan with a letter to David Duffy (City Council-Mayor Pro-Tem). He will draft a letter and share it with the Board members for review before sending it to Duffy. Motion made by Müller to approve the letter with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steffey. Motion approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Steffey to adjourn meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisica. Motion approved.

Meeting closed @8:00 pm

**NEXT MEETING Date – January 27, 2021 at 7:30pm**