Rock Hill Public Library Board Meeting Minutes January 13, 2020

Present: Maud Jeanty, Jennifer Conroy, Susan Hoch, Marty Harris, Laurie Murphy, Danielle Oettle, Connie Schleepen, Stephanie Van Stee

Absent: John Shoulberg, Ray Malon, Paul Turney, Chantal Hoffsten

Guest: MoDot Rep. Chris Hilson

Meeting called into session at 6:18 pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on November 18. Marty seconded the motion. Board approved.

Financial Report

Laurie suggested to Danielle that she look into ways for us to get a better return on the library’s money that is in the bank. Danielle will talk to a bank officer to look into options and Jennifer plans to attend that meeting as well. Laurie will update the board in February.

Laurie suggested looking at the last three years for the budget.

Marty made a motion to approve the transaction list by vendor from December 31, 2019 to January 13, 2020 ($5,373.52) and unpaid bills as of December 31, 2019 ($11,965.04), which totaled $17,338.56. Connie seconded. Board approved.

Danielle left the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Public Presentations

Chris Hilson, an Assistant Project Manager at O.R. Colan Associates, LLC came to the meeting representing MoDOT for the Manchester Improvement Project. He conveyed an offer of $22,000 total for a permanent easement and temporary easement. The permanent easement is for 1,781 square feet (offer is 50% of the property value) and the temporary easement is for 1,029 square feet (payment is 16% of the value; 8% per year). The appraisal was conducted by Mueller & Neff Real Estate Appraisers and Consultants. The library technically has 60 days from January 13, 2020 before MoDOT can take it to court over the easements for the project. Chris indicated that they really just want to make sure that progress is being made toward an agreement; it isn’t their intention to take another to court.

The Manchester Improvement Project will begin in Fall 2020 and end in 2022. The project will 1) eliminate rolling curbs; 2) make clear and limited entrances/exits to properties; 3) increase number of storm sewers; 4) add sidewalks. Construction for the project will be conducted during the evenings/night.

Board members discussed the size of the driveways and landscaping needs with Chris. Board members accompanied Chris out the parking lot for him to illustrate the changes that would be implemented.
Chris indicated that the project would result in 20-foot driveways (width) and more landscaping area in front of the library. Current driveways are larger than 20 feet in width.

Chris left the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Laurie made a motion to table the rest of the agenda, including the Library Director's Report, Committee Reports, Communications, Unfinished Business, New Business, and Executive Session. Marty seconded. Board approved.

Laurie made a motion to adjourn. Maud seconded. Board approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.