



Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Highland Public Library
Monday, November 27, 2017
30 Church Street
Highland, NY 12528

Attending: Joanne Loewenthal, President; Darlene Plavchak, Vice President for Internal Matters; Nancy Hammond, Vice President for External Matters; Frances Brooks, Recording Secretary; Eric Norberg, Financial Officer; Mark McPeck, Assistant Finance Officer and Julie Dempsey, Library Director

Absent: Melissa Burdash,

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Julie announced that we had an offer on the current Library building by a local person. The offer was \$150,000. He does not want to tear down the building, but he wants to renovate it. We don't know what the intended use is. The Board agreed to make a counteroffer of \$210,000 Motion to authorize J. Kelsall-Dempsey to accept any offer \$197,000 or above made by N. Hammond second E. Norberg All in favor.

We have two other interested parties. They also want to renovate and not tear down.

The furniture for the new building will be delivered on Monday, December 4, 2017.

We received three proposals for moving the current library into the new building:

Clancy - \$6,805

National Library Relocations - \$7,910

Arnoff - \$14,175

We need to install fencing to insure privacy from the house on either side of the building. We consider using Adams for fencing. *There is some indication that the Rotary might contribute to*

the cost of the fencing.

We had a brief discussion regarding the Grand Opening Ceremony that will be held on January 28, 2018 from 3:00 p. to 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Staff will be available to provide tours of the new Library. The Friends will, hopefully, pour the drinks (non-alcoholic) and assist attendees with food. No one will be allowed to take food out of the Meeting Room. The invitations to the Grand Opening Ceremony will be sent out after Christmas to reduce them being lost among Christmas Cards. Flyers will be placed throughout the Town.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.