

## Ellsworth Library Building Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: Paul Bauer, Tiffany Meyer, Sharon Schulze, Linda Johnson, Curt Wandmacher, John Thompson, Roger Nelson, Pam Enger, Jeanette Wright, Elise Gregory, Judy Perkins

Absent: Mike Foley, Charlie Kummer, Meghan Quinn Kummer, Milt Helmer, Sharon Hofmeister

The meeting of the Ellsworth Public Library Building Committee was called to order by Paul Bauer on April 9, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

There was a quorum of members present and the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law.

Appointment of note taker: Judy Perkins

The motion was made by Curt Wandmacher and seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the agenda.

The motion was made by Sharon Schulze and seconded by Pam Enger to approve the minutes taken at the February 12, 2018 meeting.

### **Current Business:**

- MSR completed their engineering assessment. With the updating and keeping with code compliance, the cost of turning the BMO Bank building into the Ellsworth Public Library could be close to \$5,000,000.00. This cost was more than the building committee had originally planned on. After more discussion with MSR the estimates remain the same.
- This led to discussion on if it was feasible to go forward with the current project.
- There was discussion on what other buildings might be available or lots to build on and how these costs would compare to the cost of the current project.
- It was decided to go forward with the BMO building project with doing the following steps:
  - The Friends of the Library would put together a petition for the Village of Ellsworth and the townships surrounding the Village to gather information on what kind of support we would have for the library. Names, addresses, email addresses, cell phone numbers and if they are eligible to vote would be asked for on the petition. The petition would also state that the signers are willing to receive more information about the project. This would all be put into a spreadsheet.
  - If the petition showed that we had some support we would go to the Village and ask for a referendum to be placed on the Primary ballot in August 2018.
  - The Building Committee would ask the Village Board to borrow \$3,000,000.00 for the project and \$2,000,000.00 would be obtained through fundraising of

which the library already has \$500,000.00.

-Curt Wandmacher would look into setting up a meeting with the Village Finance Committee and Ehlers Finance to see if it would be possible for the Village to borrow money for the project.

**New Business:**

The motion was made by Linda Johnson and seconded by Roger Nelson to table the discussion on possible action on MSR fee proposal for predesign service until the next meeting.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pam Enger and seconded by Roger Nelson.

The next meeting will be May 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.