

October 28, 1964

Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Skokie Public Library held Wednesday, October 28, 1964, in the Conference Room of the Library.

Members present: Conroy V. Erickson, Mrs. W. C. Griffin, L. O. Green, Mrs. Daniel Petty, Louis Weingart, and Miss Mary Radmacher, Librarian.

The President, L. O. Green, called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the special meeting was to approve resolutions for petitioning the Village for a bond issue referendum for the erection of a branch and expansion of the present library; also a petition for a referendum to raise the tax levy from .12 percent to .20 percent.

The following resolution was read:

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Directors of the Village of Skokie, Illinois, has reviewed the financial status of the Library Fund and believes it is necessary for an efficient and proper operation of the Library to increase the tax rate pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, from a maximum tax rate as extended at present of .12 o/o to .20 o/o on the full, fair, cash value of taxable property as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, and that a Referendum be called for such purpose;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Library Directors of the Village of Skokie, Illinois, does hereby authorize and request the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Skokie, Illinois, to call a Special Election for the purpose of increasing the tax rate for the Library Fund from .12 o/o to .20 o/o on the full, fair, cash value of taxable property as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, against which taxes are to be extended, and that such election be held on February 26, 1965 and that the cost of such election incurred in providing polling places and judges of election, publication of legal notice and printing of ballots and such other election supplies as may be required, be paid by this Board of Library Directors out of the General Fund of the Library Fund.

Thereupon, Member Erickson moved and Member Griffin seconded the adoption of the resolution as read.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes: Erickson, Green, Griffin, Petty, Weingart. Nays: None.

Thereupon the President declared the resolution adopted.

Following discussion of the cost figures for expansion of the present library, erection of a branch, and election costs, the following resolution was read.

WHEREAS, The Skokie Public Library, Cook County, Illinois, is duly organized under an Act entitled "An Act To Authorize Cities, Villages, Incorporated Towns and Townships To Establish And Maintain Free Public Libraries And Reading Rooms" approved March 17, 1872 as amended, and now operating under "An Act to add Division 48.1 to Article 11 of the 'Illinois Municipal Code' approved May 29, 1961, as amended"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Directors of the Village of Skokie has heretofore and does now hereby find and determine that it is in the best interest of the inhabitants of said Village that an addition be erected to the present Library Building on the site now owned by said Board of Library Directors and that necessary equipment and furnishings for such addition be purchased and installed therein, and that property within this Village be purchased to serve as a Branch Library site and that there be erected on such site a building to be used as a Branch Library and that necessary equipment and furnishings for such Branch Library Building be purchased and installed therein; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Library Directors has heretofore estimated the total cost of the purchase of a site for the Branch Library Building, and this Board of Library Directors has heretofore caused to be prepared a plan for the addition to the present Library Building to be used as an additional Library and the equipment necessary to be purchased and installed in such Library Building, and has heretofore caused to be prepared a plan for the erection of a building to be used as a Branch Library and the equipment necessary to be purchased and installed in such Branch Library Building, all as above referred to, and the estimated cost thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Library Directors of the Village of Skokie, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: That it is for the best interests of the inhabitants of the Village of Skokie that there be erected an addition to the present Library Building on the site now owned by said Board of Library Directors to be used as a Library, and that necessary equipment and furnishings for such additional Library Building be purchased and installed therein.

SECTION 2: That the plans for the erection of said addition to the present Library Building and the purchase and furnishing of necessary equipment for such additional building, which said plans are incorporated herein by reference as though set forth herein in full, be approved.

SECTION 3: That the estimate of the cost of building the addition to include the cost of equipping of such addition is as follows:

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| (a) Building  | \$854,000.00 |
| (b) Equipment | \$ 87,000.00 |

be and the same is hereby approved.

SECTION 4: That it is for the best interests of the inhabitants of the Village of Skokie that property within the Village be purchased to serve as an additional Library site and that there be erected on such site a building to be used as a Branch Library and that necessary equipment and furnishings for such Branch Library Building be purchased and installed therein.

SECTION 5: That the plans for the erection of said building to be used as a Branch Library and the purchase and furnishing of necessary equipment for such building and the purchase of a Library site, which plans are incorporated herein by reference as though set forth herein in full, be approved.

SECTION 6: That the estimate of the cost of the building to be used as a Branch Library, the cost of purchasing a Library site, and the cost of purchasing and furnishing all necessary equipment for such Branch Library Building, are as follows:

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| (a) Site      | \$246,000.00 |
| (b) Building  | \$640,000.00 |
| (c) Equipment | \$ 40,000.00 |

be and the same is hereby approved.

SECTION 7: That the collection of the aggregate of the cost of the erection of an addition to the present Library Building and the purchase of necessary equipment for said additional Building and the cost of the purchase of an additional Library site, the erection thereon of a building to be used as a Branch Library and the purchase of necessary equipment for said Library Building, as hereinabove referred to and described, be spread over a period of years.

SECTION 8: That a copy of these proceedings, resolution, records, plans, and estimate of costs hereinable referred to be transmitted to the President and Board of Trustees of the Village for its approval by said President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Skokie.

SECTION 9: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

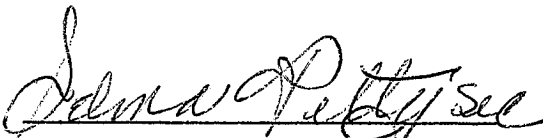
Thereupon, Member Erickson moved and Member Petty seconded the adoption of the resolution as read.

On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes: Erickson, Green, Griffin, Petty, Weingart. Nays: None.

Thereupon, the President declared the resolution adopted.

At this time the Chair requested the permission of the Board to appoint the following chairmen and committees. Member Weingart, chairman of the Legislative or Liaison Committee for the handling of these resolutions with the Village Board; Member Erickson as Chairman of the Committee on the Brochure; and Rabbi Weiner Chairman of the Community Relations Committee with Members Petty and Griffin to assist. Chairmen Erickson and Weingart were instructed to select their own committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 on motion by Member Griffin seconded by Member Erickson.

  
Selma Petty Secretary