



BERWYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Committee Meeting Minutes
Special Committee Berwyn Public Library
March 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Library Community Room

The meeting was called to order by Nora Laureto at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mary Drenth, John Chrastka, Pat Cagney, Quinn Stitt, Carla Williams, Richard Leja, Barb Korb, Paul Nudd, Marta Rodriguez, Maria Salinas, Tammy Sheedy, Nora Laureto, Nona Chapman.

Public Comment: None

Presentation: John Chrastka, Executive Director from everylibrary, gave a presentation regarding public vs. district library questions. He is a former president and member of the Board of Trustees of the Berwyn Public Library from 2006-2015. He is a former president of Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS). He is a long-time library trustee, supporter, and advocate for all libraries.

Mr. Chrastka touched on various issues that the library would have to research. Of most importance were financial, legal and political issues that would need to be addressed/discussed. He touched on community outreach which all agreed would need to be addressed after we do our due diligence in researching further on the issue.

We have just begun the process and will discuss how to relay information to library board, staff, and residents at our next meeting. It was felt that being transparent from the beginning of the process is best to alleviate gossip and/or innuendo about the research we are about to explore.

Other business: It was briefly discussed with staff member, Quinn Stitt, if a staff member had placed interest in becoming a member of the Special Committee in its investigation of becoming a library district. She said that staff was discussing possibilities. I informed her that we would put this on the next board meeting agenda.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. All present thanked Mr. Chrastka for his insight and expertise on the Berwyn Public Library's exploration of public vs. district library.



Nora Laureto, Committee Chair