

Richfield Springs Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Approved
May 13, 2025, 4 PM

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Present: Mindy Baker, Ron Frohne, Jackie Hinckley, Alice Mahardy, Aletha Sprague

Meeting called to order 4 pm

March 11, 2025 Minutes approved: Alice, Jackie

Financials/Abstracts Approved: Alice, Jackie

Request to the school for the tax cap levy, from the village was too late.

Things to think about and work on for the request to increase the school district's tax cap levy are:

- Need community meetings to explain why and what we will provide to the school district and community
- Surveys & focus groups
- Ask what the communities within the school district need
- Social Services, food insecurities-needs of the communities to consider for future programming
- We must follow Law 259 – there might be a need to change the charter in order to cover the school district population
 - o That can take up to 18 months to two years working with the state library to complete with a \$60 fee involved
- Work on Funding first – advertising is the key to inform the communities
- A proposition to the school board is required – 25 signatures must be acquired
- This will eliminate the contract with the Town
- If all is passed by the school budget vote, a check will be written to the library once all taxes are collected, and then we would need to transfer it to the village for them to keep track of the funding – village would remain treasurer
- If the population exceeds 2,500 then we would need to change the charter and a degree would be required of the librarian if the population exceeds 5,000

- We need to hold information nights at the library to inform the public of the request – informing the public of the benefits of the library
- Provide a sample of the tax bills between the village and school district to show the positivity of the change
- We need to have numbers calculated and available in early January with proposal and signatures from community
- Mid January we would need to notify the school

We need Ed Keator to attend our meetings for about 15 minutes to update us on the financials.

Motion to adjourn at 5:20 pm – Alice, Jackie

Next meeting July 8, 2025, 4:30 pm.