

**VILLAGE OF GOODRICH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
WITH THE ATLAS TOWNSHIP BOARD
MAY 4, 2009
6:00PM
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President York at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Wartella, Horton, Lucik, Morey, York, Administrator Sidge, Clerk Schierup
Also present from the township were Scott Statson, Barry June, Tere Onica, and Shirley Kautman-Jones

1. LYCEUM BUILDING – GENESEE DISTRICT LIBRARY GOODRICH BRANCH

York gave a brief explanation of the events that led up to the present use of the Lyceum building by the Genesee District Library.

The building has had major repair issues this winter due to age. The maintenance and upkeep of an old building is getting too expensive for village taxpayers to handle. York suggested that a millage would be an equitable solution and would be decided by the township voters.

Kautman-Jones would like to know what would happen to the building if nothing is done. She was not in favor of another millage.

Onica asked if there was a figure for the repairs. Morey stated that contractors have been asked to submit estimates.

All attending agreed that the Library was a necessary resource for the community.

Formation of a Library board was discussed. The board responsibilities and membership would be different depending on the source of funding.

Carolyn Nash, Director of the Genesee District Library explained the GDL position. As a taxing entity they are not allowed to use their funds for buildings, only lending material and library personnel. Local communities decide how they will fund their local library. Fundraising is another option for library building upkeep.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diane Fredericks = Hopes the problem can be resolved and commended the board and council for working together.

Cathy Dahlstrom- Expressed concern about downsizing the Library as it is barely adequate now.

Lynn Hoffman – Asked if the upstairs could be used for children’s programs

Amy Slagle – Stated that long term goals may need to be looked at.

Statson stated that he felt the library was a community treasure.

**Wartella opposed a millage assessment. Wartella requested that this be changed to read,
“Wartella opposed a millage assessment in agreement with Shirley Kautman Jones.”**

The township members requested expenses for the last 5 years and projected expenses.

MOTION: To adjourn

Moved by York,

Seconded by Lucik,

All in favor. Carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schierup, Clerk

Presented: 5/11/2009

Approved: 5/11/2009