

Library Building Committee: Stephen Dallmus, Brad Foster, Dale Houle, Penny Jaques, Molly Moss, Elaine Puleo, Jeff Quackenbush

CMS-OPM: Roger Hoyt & Neil Joyce OEA: Dominik Wit

Meeting Opened at 7:01 p.m.

Public Comment None

Review of December 10, 2024 Minutes

Dallmus moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Foster seconded.

Roll call vote: Dallmus-aye, Foster-aye, Jaques-aye, Moss-aye, Puleo-aye, Quackenbush-aye

Review of MVP Grant

Wit reported that he received the proposal from Solar Design for a battery system for the roof top solar and noted that this is a highly customized project. He added that the initial proposal quote was high. He has met with project manager to discuss a reduction in price.

We are changing the MVP grant proposal by requesting that the Ford Lightning truck, included in the original application, be replaced with battery storage as the truck was determined inadequate to supply back up power to the library building. For MVP to approve this change, we must provide a revised plan and cost. Solar Design would be hired to provide the design/documentation and estimate for the project. Solar Design has split the project into a base fee of Design & Documentation (~\$14K) which is needed for the MVP proposal plus a Commissioning Fee, which ensures that the system works after installation (~\$4K). The materials cost is estimated at \$65K for materials, not including installation.

Estimated cost of battery storage system: Design & Documentation + Commissioning Fee + Materials is approximately the same cost as the Ford Lightning Truck (\$85K).

Foster moved to approve up to \$15K for Solar Design to provide Design & Documentation of the battery storage system. Dallmus seconded.

Roll call vote: Dallmus-aye, Foster-aye, Houle-aye, Jaques-aye, Moss-aye, Puleo-aye, Quackenbush-aye

Update on construction progress

Hoyt provided an update: the center wall is almost complete, rafters on east side are up. Glulam beams (which support the west side of roof) arrived last Monday. Windows will arrive late February.

How far behind schedule is the project? Joyce: 4-6 weeks. The contractor lost several weeks with foundation issues and cited missing information on framing which slowed.

Puleo: How close are is the contractor to having building closed in?

Hoyt: There is still considerable work to be done.

Joyce has requested that the contractor provide a revised schedule and has expressed the concerns of committee about being 6 weeks behind schedule.

Friends of the Library Update

In 2024, the Friends raised over \$130K raised for the new Library.

To date, 180 engraved pavers were ordered for a total of \$27K, netting \$18K.

Between Giving Day and End-of-Year donations, \$46K was raised as we closed out 2024.

Next meeting: February 25

Quackenbush made a motion to adjourn. Foster seconded.

Roll call vote: Dallmus-aye, Foster-aye, Houle-aye, Jaques-aye, Moss-aye, Puleo-aye, Quackenbush-aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.