October 22, 2020
Eden Library Board of Trustees—Special Meeting

Library Board President Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. In attendance were Linda Meyer, Bettyann Neifer, Jon Wilcox, Town Board liaison Sue Wilhelm, Library Director Donna-Jo Webster and Eden Highway Superintendent Ron Maggs.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the NYS Library Construction grant to replace the air conditioning system that the Eden Library was recently awarded. We submitted the application for this in 2019 and we were awarded $21,893, which represents 50% of the total project amount as estimated at the time of application. The Library Board has $13,000 that will go toward this project, which is funding we received from Assemblyman DiPietro several years ago.

Although we had received two estimates for this project when the application was submitted, it will have to go out for formal, sealed bids since the building is owned by the Town and the total price is in excess of $35,000. We have 180 days from October 16, 2020 to start work on the project (April 16, 2021).

Pat Smith noted that we had decided to replace both parts of the system (reading room and staff/meeting room) because under terms of the construction grants if we did just one portion we could never apply for a grant to do the remainder.

Ron Maggs will work with Jon Wilcox on preparing the specs for this project and will also involve the Town’s Code Enforcement Officer in the project. Donna-Jo gave them copies of the original estimates that we had received.

Since these were prepared before the start of the coronavirus pandemic, there was some discussion about including updated filtration equipment in the new specs.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Meyer, secretary