

Haxton Memorial Library

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Presented by the Board of Trustees

MARCH 28, 2023



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Haxton Memorial Library

Haxton Memorial Library

- ▶ Serves residents of Oakfield and surrounding communities
- ▶ Chartered by New York State in 1963
- ▶ Is governed by Bylaws under direction of the Board of Trustees
- ▶ Open 25 hours each week
- ▶ Currently a Municipal Library
- ▶ Member of Nioga Library System




SOURCES OF INCOME:

- Town of Oakfield
- To a much smaller extent:
 - Genesee County (decreasing amounts over past years)
 - New York State
 - Town of Alabama
 - Library Fund Drives & Memorials
 - Donations
 - Fines and Fees





LIBRARY SERVICES

 Books, DVDs, Video Games, Audio Books, Periodicals, Newspapers

 Copying & Faxing

 Job Search Assistance

 Interlibrary Loan

 Training Classes for Technology

- Computer Workstations
- Internet Access
- Wi-Fi 24/7
- Electronic Services – Overdrive, Hoopla, etc.
- Meeting Space
- Workspace Available / Tutoring / Home School

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- Storytime - Preschool
- Baby Storytime
- Book Club
- Craft Nights – Adults & Children
- Technology Help
- Summer Reading
- Music, Dance & Art Programs
- Special One-time Adult, Family & Youth Sessions throughout the year



CURRENT BUDGET

\$136,500

The library's operating budget has declined or remained the same for the past several years. Recent budgets have had to cover the cost of increased expenses including \$16,000 for library rechartering. In addition, mandatory NYS minimum wage requirements significantly impacted payroll.

NOTE: The 2022 budget includes expenses for the re-charter of the library.

EXPENSES:

- ▶ Personnel Costs – One part-time Salaried Library Manager, two part-time Clerks
 - Library Manager and One part-time clerk have ERS Retirement
- ▶ Books, Periodicals, Video Games, Software, DVDs, Books on Tape (Materials)
- ▶ Programs
- ▶ Electronic Services through Nioga
- ▶ Automated Library Management System Fee through Nioga
- ▶ Utilities
- ▶ Insurance
- ▶ Professional Services
- ▶ Building & Grounds
- ▶ Phone
- ▶ Office & Custodial Supplies
- ▶ Internet & Wi-Fi



FUNDING TOWN OF OAKFIELD

Total Amount	Rate per \$1000 of Assessed Property Value
2018 - \$103,052	.85
2019 - \$105,114	.85
2020 - \$107,216	.84
2021 - \$84,682	.61
2022 - \$80,000	.57
2023 - \$80,000	.55

NYS MANDATORY MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES



IMPACT ON MINIMUM WAGE EXAMPLE - 25 HRS/WK 2016 - Present



MATERIALS SPENDING COMPARISON 2021

<u>Library</u>	<u>Total Expenditures</u>
Corfu	\$13,898
Byron-Bergen	\$24,793
Lyndonville	\$13,241
Newfane	\$37,043
Wilson	\$16,110
Sanborn-Peekin	\$31,658
Haxton	\$7,313

Comparison data from 2021 Nioga Library System report. Materials includes books, DVDs, periodicals, music CDs, computer software, computer upgrades, etc.

PROGRAMS SPENDING COMPARISON 2021

<u>Library</u>	<u>Total Expenditures</u>
Corfu	\$2,058
Byron-Bergen	\$1,500
Lyndonville	\$6,909
Pavilion	\$1,500
Wilson	\$3,000
Sanborn-Peekin	\$4,500
Haxton	\$689

*Comparison data as budgeted and reported by Library Directors.



SITUATION

The library continues to experience decreasing income and increasing expenses, while continuing to provide the community with quality programs, services and library materials.



DECISION

After consideration over the past few years, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution to transition from a Municipal Library to a "School District Public Library" that would be funded solely by a voter approved budget.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY?

New York State Education Law– Section 255, 259 (1)(a), 260

- School District collects tax money for library and turns it over to library Board.
- School District would have no involvement in operations of the library.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY?

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- Libraries can secure funding through a district-wide public vote on a budget.
- If approved, library would revise Charter to be a school district public library.
- Trustees would be elected.

MORE ABOUT A SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Coverage area – geographical service area that serves the entire school district.
- Elected Board of Trustees which provides representation for taxpayers.
- Have secure and reliable funding for library building, utilities, materials, personnel, programs and Nioga services.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- ▶ Presented a formal written funding proposition to the Oakfield-Alabama Board of Education for the voters to vote upon.
- ▶ Developed plan to share vote information with school district residents.
- ▶ Continue to share information on our website, in the local news, at one-on-one sessions at library on Thursday, April 13 from 7-8 PM and Saturday, April 15 from 11 AM – 12 PM.

HAXTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY PROPOSED AMOUNT FOR PUBLIC VOTE

\$158,790

NOTE: Any future increase to this amount would have to be approved by the taxpayers in another separate vote and would be subject to the tax cap law.



2023 BUDGET TO COVER:

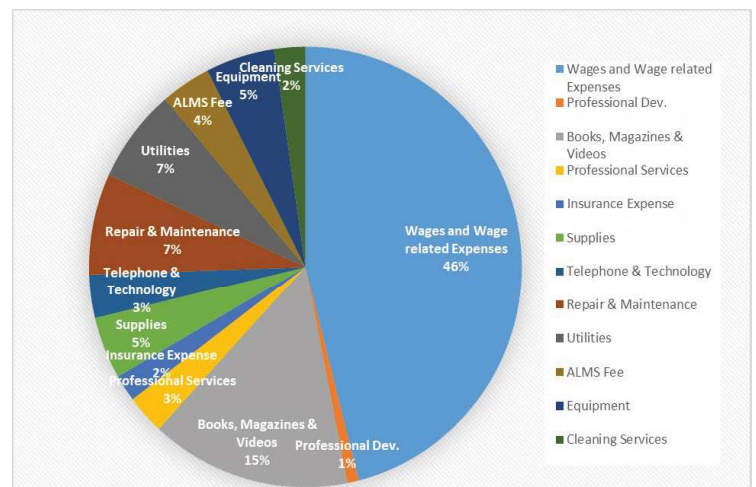
- Personnel – part-time Library Manager, 2 part-time Clerks
- 10 Additional Hours of Operation from 25 to 35 weekly as mandated by NYS DLD
- Ability to purchase materials – books, periodicals, DVDs, music CDs, computer software, etc. which we have not been able to afford
- Ability to offer expanded programming



PROPOSED BUDGET TO COVER: *continued*

- The library's chartered service area would include patrons in the Oakfield-Alabama Central School District.
- Ability to keep up with new technological programs and equipment – computers and software.
- Library upkeep, utilities, maintenance

PROPOSED BUDGET BREAKDOWN



PROPOSED LIBRARY BUDGET

The tax levy - approximately
\$.57 per thousand of assessed property
valuation.

For example, the approved budget would cost
the average taxpayer with \$100,000 assessed
value property approximately \$57 annually.

COMMUNITY-BASED FUNDING OF LIBRARY BUDGET WOULD:

- ▶ The library would no longer have to rely on discretionary funding
- ▶ Remain a separate line item on Oakfield-Alabama Central School District tax bill for the library budget amount
- ▶ Allow for additional hours of operation (from 25 to 35 per week)
- ▶ Allow for an increase in children and adult programming
- ▶ Allow for scheduled library maintenance
- ▶ Allow for a greater selection of library materials – books, DVDs, periodicals, music CDs, computer upgrades, computer software, etc.
- ▶ Taxpayer representation on Board of Trustees – Board members are elected

DIGITAL SERVICES THROUGH NIOGA LIBRARY SYSTEM

hoopla®



OverDrive®



VOTE

Public Vote will be held at the
School District's Budget Vote at the
Oakfield-Alabama High School
Community Room

Tuesday, May 16, 2023
11 AM – 8 PM

WHO IS A QUALIFIED VOTER?

- ▶ Citizen of the United States of America
- ▶ At least 18 years of age
- ▶ Resident in the Oakfield-Alabama Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the date of the vote

Questions?

Email us at
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Thank you for attending!