

# Ex-library director wins seat on board

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LANSING — Lansing's former library Director Joanne Jensen and former Village Treasurer David Przybyl swept to victory Tuesday in the hotly contested Lewis O. Flom Lansing Public Library board election.

Unofficial vote totals show Jensen the top vote-getter with 1,236 tallies and Przybyl with 1,140 votes. Jensen and Przybyl captured the two six-year seats on the board.

Incumbent board member Robert Reich, who was appointed to the board last year, was unopposed in his bid for the only four-year

board seat. Reich collected 2,157 votes.

Following behind Jensen and Przybyl were Jean Lefler McCall with 986 votes, Mary Kern with 957 tallies, Norreen Nelson with 567 ballots and Elizabeth Bush with 479.

Jensen, who abruptly resigned her library position last year over a salary dispute with the library board, was thrilled by her apparent victory.

"I feel almost as wonderful as the night when the referendum passed," she said Tuesday night, referring to the 1973 referendum when voters gave the approval needed to build the library at 2750 Indiana Ave. "I'm just very pleased."

Jensen said her election "solves a lot of hurt."

She angrily resigned in April 1990, claiming she was the only village employee who did not get a pay raise that year. She also said was subjected to "insults" and "harassment" by a faction of the board over the years.

Jensen, 61 has been a Lansing resident for 38 years. She worked as the library's director for 24 years and five years as assistant director.

Upon entering the election arena, Jensen said she was not seeking election out of revenge but that she was doing it "for the staff."

"I don't plan on being antagonistic,"

Jensen said Tuesday. She said she now plans to work toward fulfilling some library needs she pointed to during her campaign, such as a new roof for the library building, a book security system and the establishment of a finance committee.

Although Przybyl said he was confident he "was going to be one of the winners" in the library board race, he was at a loss for words when asked for a reaction to his victory Tuesday night.

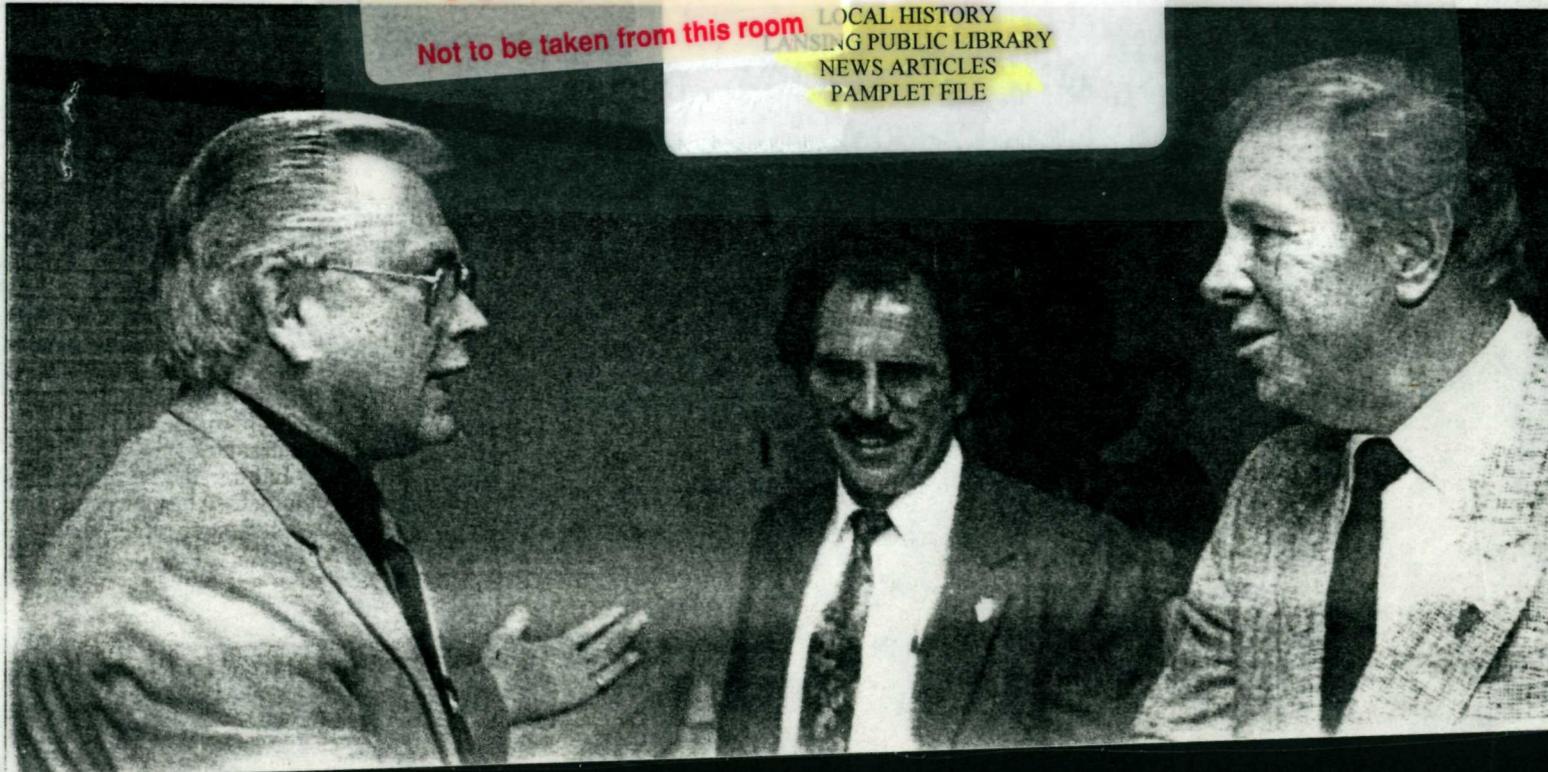
"I haven't had time to think about it," he said, adding he appreciates all those who voted for him.

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Przybyl, 55, is a self-employed accountant. He also sells life insurance and mutual funds with James Substala & Associates and is a part-time Lansing police officer. He worked as Lansing's village treasurer from September 1981 to June 1985.

He said he did not campaign for election and that it may have been name recognition and the acquaintances he has made during the 23 years he has lived in Lansing that won him a seat on the library board.

Jensen and Przybyl will assume the spots being vacated by departing veteran library board members David Tanis and Gwen Molenaar. The new members are expected to take their positions on the board at the library's next regular meeting April 18.