

Officer vote reflects heated board election

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LANSING - Two slates and one independent candidate emerged in Thursday's election of officers to the Lewis O. Flom Lansing Public Library board.

New board members David Przybyl and former library Director Joanne Jensen, along with returning board member Robert Reich, took seats on the board after being sworn into office. All three were the winners in the seven-way contest for three available library seats.

Nearly as contested as the actual board race was the election of officers.

By a 4-2 vote, the slate of Terry McKenna, Reich, Bonnie Garrison and William Lathrop won election to the jobs of board president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, respectively. The only change in officers presented on the second slate was Reich for president and McKenna for vice president. Garrison and Lathrop are being returned to officer positions they already held.

Garrison and Eric Samuelson voted for Reich for president and McKenna for vice president. Jensen abstained from voting.

"I didn't think the two people, Terry McKenna and Bob Reich, were qualified. I didn't think they were appropriate," Jensen said after the board meeting. She nominated Samuelson for president but he withdrew his name from consideration, saying he was not willing to serve in that capacity.

McKenna succeeds David Tanis in the president's position and Reich fills the vice president's spot being vacated by Gwen Molenaar.

Both Tanis and Molenaar opted not to run for re-election to the board. Tanis had served for 20 years on the board and Molenaar for 12 years.

"We wish you all a lot of luck. There's nowhere to go but forward," Molenaar said.

In other business, the library board agreed to have Lansing architect Ed Lugowski Jr. survey the library's roof and recommend whether a new roof should be laid or additional repairs made. Lugowski also is being asked to determine whether the library's air conditioning system is contributing to roof problems, McKenna said.

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The library has had roof problems over the past four years, and has had to make frequent repairs amounting to some \$50,000 to \$60,000 in that time.

Lugowski's firm will be paid hourly for its work, at a maximum total of \$3,000, McKenna said. Board members say they hope to have the survey completed by the May board meeting.

The library board also agreed to close the library for a half-day June 14 so the staff can participate in a long-range planning session.

The library board met last week to begin mapping a long-range plan. The staff is expected to go through the same brain-

storming exercises as the library board.

Library Director Janice Bojda had asked that the library be closed the entire day of June 14 so that long-range planning could be done in the morning and the afternoon used for handicapped awareness or a safety drill.

But board members said they would rather have the library closed for two half-days than one full day. Bojda said she will probably schedule the second half-day closing for sometime in the fall.

The board also increased the charge to patrons for replacement library cards. Effective June 1, patrons will be charged a flat \$2 fee for replacement cards. Patrons pay \$1 now.