

Carter Memorial Library
Library Board Workshop: Expansion
Monday July 9, 2018
4:30 P.M.

Meeting began at 4:30 PM at the empty bank building 124 E. Main St.

Attendance: Director Julie Stobbe, Lisa Sharkey, Nicole Bahn, Jim Braasch, Marge Franzke, Barbara Hodgen, Heidi Wahlgren, Stacey Wright, Tom Ellis

Agenda:

1. Tour empty bank building at 124 E. Main St. Omro

The realtor, Ms. Beth Jackson from Acre Realty, met the board at the bank building and gave everyone a tour of the facility, in the board's attempt to consider alternative sites for the library.

2. Discuss next step to expansion

After returning to the library, the board discussed the pros and cons of the bank building and how it might be remodeled and brought up to code.

Some positives were: plenty of storage, drive through, parking lot, meeting rooms, more space for books, high visibility. Some negatives were: no green space, no elevator, located by bars, basement in extreme need of repair, cost of heating and cooling such a large building.

Discussion continued on what the options might be:

- 1) Remodel the bank building, 2) Renovate and enlarge the current building 3) Tear down and build new.

Director Stobbe provided a summary of the money currently available for expansion and the amount that was listed as the cost to expand when the last plans were drawn up ten years ago.

Still in question is what should be done, exactly how much space is needed to achieve the goals for the library building, can a partnership with someone be accomplished, how far into the future should be planned for, when can an architect be contacted.... many more questions.

The board was asked to make a list of what should be included in an improved library facility and bring the list to the next meeting, as well as more pros and cons to purchasing the bank building.

Meeting ended at 6:25 PM

Respectfully submitted
Marge Franzke, secretary