

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Board Meeting**

November 16, 2017

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES FOR A PROPER PUBLIC  
PURPOSE**

- WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3375.40 states that a Library Board of Trustees has authority to “[e]xpend for library purposes, and in the exercise of the power enumerated in this section, all moneys, whether derived from the county public library fund or otherwise, credited to the free public library under its jurisdiction and generally do all things it considers necessary for the establishment, maintenance, and improvement of the free public library under its jurisdiction;” and
- WHEREAS, 1982 Ohio Attorney General Opinion No. 82-006 states that a governing body may expend public funds to purchase refreshments and other amenities and that the decision to do so must be “memorialized by a duly enacted ordinance or resolution and may have prospective effect only;” and
- WHEREAS, The Library held an event in February, 2017, and plans to hold an annual special after-hours event for its employees and their families in order to recognize those employees who have attained more than 25 years of service and to thank all employees for their dedicated service. The Library desires to provide food, refreshments (non-alcoholic), entertainment, parking, and commemorative items at this event; and
- WHEREAS, The Lockwood Thompson fund permits the Library to expend grant funds in order to bring attention “to the importance and talents of our many staff experts, with some form of recognition as individuals attain 25 years or more of service...”, and the Library would like to utilize these funds to pay for these amenities at this annual special event; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Cleveland Public Library Board of Trustees declares the expenditure of funds to provide food, refreshments (non-alcoholic), entertainment, parking, commemorative items and other related amenities for an annual special event for employees and their families recognizing employees who have attained more than 25 years of service and thanking all employees for their dedicated service, to be a proper public purpose, and authorizes the Library’s Fiscal Officer to expend moneys for these expenditures and amenities on these occasions from the Lockwood Thompson special revenue fund (228); and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Executive Director, CEO or his designee, is authorized to enter into and execute contracts for the purchase of these items in excess of \$25,000.00, which contracts shall be subject to the review and approval of the Chief Legal Officer.