BYLAWS FOR THE WAUNAKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Article I: Name

This organization is the Waunakee Public Library, located at 201 North Madison Street, Waunakee, Wisconsin, existing by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and exercising the powers and authority and assuming the responsibilities delegated to it under said statute.

Article II: Board of Trustees

Section 1. There is hereby created, pursuant to Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a municipal Library Board for the Village consisting of seven (7) members. Membership shall consist of one (1) Village Trustee and six (6) citizens appointed by the Village President, subject to confirmation by the Village Board. One (1) additional member may be appointed by the County Library System pursuant to state law.

Section 2. Terms of such members shall be from May 1st in the year of their appointment and thereafter each regular appointment shall be for a term of three (3) years. Not more than one (1) member of the Village Board shall at any one time be a member of the Library Board. Citizen members shall be appointed by the Village President, subject to confirmation by the Village Board. The Village President shall appoint as one of the Library Board members the school district administrator, or his representative, to represent the public school district in which the library is located.

Section 3. A majority of the membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. As soon as practicable after the first appointments, at a date and place fixed by the appointing officer, and annually thereafter, within thirty (30) days after the time designated in this Section for the beginning of terms, the members of the Library Board shall organize by election from among their number a President and such other offices that they deem necessary to prescribe and adopt rules and regulations for the operation of the library.

Section 5. The Library Board shall have the duties and powers as prescribed by Chapter 43, and more particularly set forth in Sec. 43.58 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 6. The trustees shall study and support legislation that will bring about the greatest good to the greatest number of library users.

Article III: Meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings shall be held each month, the date and hour to be set by the board at its annual meeting.

Section 2. The order of business for regular meetings shall include, but not be limited to, the following items that shall be covered in the sequence shown so far as circumstances will permit:

a) Call to order
b) Disposition of minutes of previous regular meeting
c) Action on bills
d) Old business
e) New business
f) All other business
g) Adjournment

Article IV: Library Director and Staff

The board shall appoint a qualified library director who shall be the executive and administrative officer of the library on behalf of the board and under its review and direction. The director shall recommend to the board the appointment and specify the duties of other employees and shall be held responsible for the proper direction and supervision of the staff, for the care and maintenance of library property, for an adequate and proper selection of materials in keeping with the stated policy of the board, for the efficiency of library service to the public, and for its financial operation within the limitations of the budgeted appropriation.

Article V: General

Section 1. The bylaws may be amended by the majority vote of all members of the board provided the proposed amendment has been included in the order of business.

These bylaws will be in force upon adoption by the board of trustees of the Waunakee Public Library on the _____ day of _____.