

MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

August 24, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Manhattan-Elwood Public Library District was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present (voting member):

Sharon Gill, Robert Braam,
Kim Ciuffini, Chris Boeringa
Chris Sunday

Not Present:

Kelly Davis

Library Staff:

Ashley Hopper, Director
Nicole Silberman, Admin. Assistant

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public in attendance

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: Lori Pope of Mack & Associates presented the annual audit report.

MINUTES: Approved with correction.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Filed for audit

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Fall newsletter will be mailed out highlighting the many programs and events being offered this fall. Back again this fall, the community outreach program "One Book One Manhattan" has begun with the book title to be announced in the next few weeks. Discussed recent correspondence with attorney Roger Ritzman.

PAYMENT OF SPECIAL BILLS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Treasurer English motioned and Vice President Braam seconded the motion to approve the 2015-16 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 15-7. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote. Vice President Braam motioned and Trustee Sunday seconded the motion to approve Resolution 15-3 for tax levy for participation in the Federal Social Security Insurance program and also for equipment and maintenance expenses. Motioned passed unanimously with a roll call vote. Secretary Ciuffini motioned and Treasurer English seconded the motion to approve Resolution 15-4 for the Combined Budget & Appropriation. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Parking Lot Project Update - Excavation has begun and will hopefully be completed by mid September.

Property Purchase – Discussion took place on the appraisal results and recent correspondence with the seller of 245 E. First Street property regarding purchase price. With other buyers interested in the property, the board agreed to the purchase price of \$110,000. Vice President Braam motioned and Treasurer English seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-5 to authorize property acquisition and the finance plan for 245 E. First Street. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote. Secretary Ciuffini motioned and Trustee Sunday seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-6 to authorize property acquisition and the finance plan for 241 E. First Street (empty sliver of land adjacent to house). Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Labor Day Parades – President Gill and Vice President Braam will hand out bags along the parade route in Manhattan. Secretary Ciuffini and possibly Trustee Sunday will distribute bags along the parade route in Elwood.

Serving our Public – Vice President Braam will review Chapters 1 & 2 for the September meeting.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 5:38pm

Respectively submitted,

Nicole Silberman
Administrative Assistant