

MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

240 Whitson Street * Manhattan * IL * 60442

October 23, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Manhattan-Elwood Public Library District was called to order at 4:33 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: (voting members): Keri English, Amanda Dearing, Tom Murray, Jan Krekel, Sharon Gill Julie Mason, Patti Blatti

Library Staff: Ashley Hopper, Director; Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: Delilah LeGrett, Mary Mangun

MINUTES: Minutes from September 25, 2023 board meeting were accepted as presented with a motion made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Dearing.

CORRESPONDENCE: - Annexation Letter from Will County; Park District informational brochure.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: September financials will be filed as presented. A motion was made by Trustee English, seconded by Trustee Dearing. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

PAYMENT OF SPECIAL BILLS: None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Given by Director Hopper.

COMMITTEES:

- **Budget Committee-** None

- **Serving Our Public-** Trustee English gave an overview of chapters 8 -9. Chapters 10-13 will be presented by Trustee Krekel at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Elwood Construction Update** - Brick repair work began on 10/23/23. Roofing company that was contacted never responded.

- A motion was made to select the roofing company that can come out to do the work the quickest at a cost not to exceed \$60K. The motion was made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Mason. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote. .

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ordinance 23-6 Tax Levy Ordinance** - A motion was made to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance by Trustee English, seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

- **Elwood Services Discussion** - Trustee Blatti read a statement outlining her concerns regarding the library's services to Elwood residents.

- **Disaster Plan Update-** A motion was made to approve the updates to the Disaster Plan Policy by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee English. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

- **Board Comments** - none

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Marcy Juarez, Administrative Assistant