

MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

240 Whitson Street * Manhattan * IL * 60442

January 22, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Manhattan-Elwood Public Library District was called to order at 4:29 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: (voting members): Keri English(late), Amanda Dearing, Tom Murray, Jan Krekel, Sharon Gill, Patti Blatti, Julie Mason
Library Staff: Ashley Hopper, Director; Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: None

MINUTES: Minutes from November 23, 2023, December 20, 2023 and the Certification of Closed Meeting Minutes were accepted and approved as presented with a motion made by Trustee Blatti and seconded by Trustee Dearing. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: - None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: December financials will be filed as presented. A motion was made by Trustee Mason, seconded by Trustee Blatti. 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-**
- **Village of Elwood Committee**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Elwood Construction Update** - Roof is almost complete, metal cladding needs to be installed and inspection needs to be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Elwood Plan Revisions** - A motion was made to approve the revised bid packet for the Elwood branch. The motion was made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
- **Ordinance 24-1** - Ordinance 24-1, confirming plans for renovation of library property and proposing a finance plan was approved. The motion was made by Trustee Blatti, seconded by Trustee English. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
- **DEI Statement** - A new DEI statement will be added to the Library Policy handbook. A motion was made to approve the DEI statement by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Dearing. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
- **Board Comments** - Trustee Mason commented on how well the Friends of the Library are doing.
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ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:25PM by Trustee Mason, seconded by Trustee English. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,
Marcy Juarez, Administrative Assistant