

MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

240 Whitson Street * Manhattan * IL * 60442

June 24, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Manhattan-Elwood Public Library District was called to order at 4:32 pm.

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

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: None.

MINUTES: Minutes from the May 20, 2024 meeting were accepted and approved as presented with a motion made by Trustee Blatti and seconded by Trustee English. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: Per Capita Grant was awarded to the library.

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

PAYMENT OF SPECIAL BILLS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Given by Director Hopper.

COMMITTEES:

- **Budget Committee-** Presented 2024-2025 Working Budget for approval. The motion was made by Trustee Gill, seconded by Trustee English. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
- **Serving Our Public-** Chapters 1 & 2 will be presented by Trustee Blatti at the July meeting.
- **Village of Elwood Committee –**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Elwood Branch Update –** Construction is underway.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Landscape Proposal –** A motion was made to approve the Dutch Barn proposal for a trellis with signage above the planters as long as a permit is not required. A motion was made by Trustee Blatti, seconded by Trustee English. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
- **Facilities Studies Review –** Discussed the report from the firm that did the study.
- **Ordinance 24-4 Transfer to Special Res Fund –** A motion was made to transfer excess Y/E funds from the Corporate fund to the Special Reserve fund. The motion was made by Trustee Blatti and seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Board Comments: Board members would like a day to meet at the Elwood location to view progress.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:26PM Motion made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Blatti.

Respectively submitted,
Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager