

MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

240 Whitson Street * Manhattan * IL * 60442

September 23, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Manhattan-Elwood Public Library District was called to order at 4:30 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: (voting members): Tom Murray, Sharon Gill, Keri English, Jan Krekel, Amanda Dearing, 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 the August 26, 2024 meeting were accepted and approved as presented with a motion made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Dearing.

CORRESPONDENCE: Will County Board of Review letter.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: August financials will be filed as presented. A motion was made to accept the report by Trustee English, seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

PAYMENT OF SPECIAL BILLS: None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Given by Director Hopper.

COMMITTEES:

- **Budget Committee-**
- **Serving Our Public-** Chapters 3 & 4 were presented by Trustee Dearing. Chapters 5 & 6 will be reviewed by Trustee Krekel at the next meeting.
- **Village of Elwood Committee –**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Elwood Branch Update –** Waiting on a conductor for the HVAC system to finalize completion.
- **Elwood Opening Logistics -** Date, invites, times, open house, or scheduled events to undecided due to contractor scheduling
- **Manhattan Building Updates –**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ordinance 24-6 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance, Resolutions 24-1 and 24-2 –** A motion was made to approve Ordinance 24-6 by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Gill. A motion was made to approve Resolution 24-1 by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Krekel. A motion was made to approve Resolution 24-2 by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Krekel. All motions passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
- **Security Camera Proposals –** A motion was made to approve the proposals from Forbel for new cameras at the Elwood and Manhattan branches. The motion was made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee English. The motion passed with all members voting in favor and Tom Murray abstaining from the vote.
- **Executive Session-** A motion was made to move to executive session at 5:19PM by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Gill. The topic of discussion was a real estate purchase in Elwood.
- **Reconvene from Executive Session –** A motion was made to reconvene from executive session by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Dearing. The board will not be moving ahead with a property purchase.

Board Comments:

ADJOURNMENT: 5:37PM Motion made by Trustee Gill and seconded by Trustee English.

Respectively submitted,
Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager