

MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

240 Whitson Street * Manhattan * IL * 60442

January 27, 2025

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

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

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: Girl Scout Troop 75623 in attendance. The Girl Scouts were recognized for their service project of an outdoor bench for the library. The troop received a bronze award for the service project which consisted a total of 20+ hours.

MINUTES: Minutes from the November 25, 2024 meeting were accepted and approved with a Motion made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Dearing. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS: November and December financials will be filed as presented. A motion was made to accept the report by Trustee Blatti, seconded by Trustee English. 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 9-13 were presented by Trustee English and Trustee Murray.
- **Village of Elwood Committee –**

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Elwood Building Update –** Sewage drainpipe repair will need to be done. The lockers will be up and running this week. The gravity backdraft damper will be repaired or replaced with feedback from the architects.
- **LIMRiCC IGA Approval –** A motion was made to accept the LIMRiCC IGA updates by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
- **Strategic Plan Discussion –** Discussion on what the strategic plan for the library will look like. New building ideas and locations were discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (5) -The purchase or lease of real property the use of the public body Motion to move to executive session at 5:50PM made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

A motion was made to move to open session at 6:11PM by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Krekel. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

A motion was made to take formal action regarding the discussion of property located at 224 Mississippi in Elwood to try and sell the property to the Village of Elwood and relinquish the negotiating of prices and costs to Director Hopper. The motion was made by Trustee Blatti and seconded by Trustee Dearing. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Board Comments:

ADJOURNMENT: 6:21PM Motion made by Trustee Blatti and seconded by Trustee Dearing.

Respectively submitted,
Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager