

# MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

240 Whitson Street \* Manhattan \* IL \* 60442

March 24, 2025

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

**ROLL CALL:** Present: (voting members): Tom Murray, Keri English, Patti Blatti, Sharon Gill, Amanda Dearing, Jan Krekel, 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 February 24, 2025, meeting will be reviewed at the April meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** February financials will be reviewed at the April meeting.

**PAYMENT OF SPECIAL BILLS:** None.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Given by Director Hopper.

**COMMITTEES:**

- **Budget Committee-** na
- **Serving Our Public-** na
- **Village of Elwood Committee** – na

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Elwood Update – Sewer Repairs – A motion was made to approve the Elwood sewer repairs by Ridge Plumbing upon written confirmation of parts and labor warranty. The motion was made by Trustee Blatti and seconded by Trustee Mason. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Strategic Planning Discussion** – An Environmental Scan and Survey questions were discussed.
- **Executive session** – 5 ILCS 120/2/c(1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. A motion was made to move to executive session at 5:48PM by Trustee Gill and seconded by Trustee Blatti. A motion was made at 6:14 by Trustee Blatti and seconded by Trustee Gill to return to regular session. A motion to approve the director's raise was made by Trustee Blatti and seconded by Trustee Gill. It was approved unanimously (English absent).

**Board Comments:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Blatti and seconded by Trustee Dearing at 6:15.

Respectively submitted,  
Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager