

# MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

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

May 19, 2025

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

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

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:** Swearing in trustees and office elections.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS:** None

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the April 28, 2025 were approved as written. Motion made by Trustee Blatti and seconded by Trustee English. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** March and April financials were approved as presented. A motion was made by Trustee Blatti and seconded by Trustee Mason. 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 the 2025-26 Working Budget. A motion was made to approve the 2025-2026 working budget by Trustee Blatti and seconded by Trustee English. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
- **Serving Our Public-** Chapters 1 & 2 to be presented by Trustee Murray at the June meeting.
- **Village of Elwood Committee** – na

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Elwood Sewer Repair-** the repair should be completed by next week. There was a cost change due to the Village of Elwood requiring specific piping to be used.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Swearing in of Trustees** – All elected officials were sworn in.
- **Board of Trustee Office Elections** – President – Tom Murray; Vice President – Patti Blatti; Treasurer – Keri English; Secretary – Amanda Dearing
- **Non-Resident Payment Determination** – A motion was made to continue the use of the tax bill method for a non-resident fee. The motion was made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Board Comments:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Blatti at 5:27PM.

Respectively submitted,  
Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager