

# MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

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

August 25, 2025

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

## **Budget and Appropriation Hearing**

**ROLL CALL:** Present: (voting members): Keri English, Patti Blatti, Sharon Gill, Jan Krekel, Amanda Dearing, Tom Murray

Library Staff: Ashley Hopper, Director; Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**Ordinance 25-3, Resolutions 25-1 and 25-2** – A motion was made to approve Ordinance 25-3 for the combined annual B&A ordinance. The motion was made by Trustee Blatti, seconded by Trustee English. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 25-1 to participate in the federal social security insurance program. The motion was made by Trustee English, seconded by Trustee Blatti. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 25-2 whereby the B&A ordinance was adopted. The motion was made by Trustee Blatti, seconded by Trustee English. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**ADJOURNMENT OF HEARING:** A motion was made to adjourn the B& A hearing at 4:37PM by Trustee Blatti, seconded by Trustee English. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Board Meeting Called to Order at 4:38PM by President Murray.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: (voting members): Keri English, Patti Blatti, Sharon Gill, Jan Krekel, Amanda Dearing, Tom Murray

Library Staff: Ashley Hopper, Director; Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS:** None

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** July financials were approved as presented. The motion was made by Trustee Blatti and 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 5 & 6 presented by Trustee Krekel. Chapters 7 & 8 will be presented by Trustee Gill at the September meeting.
- **Village of Elwood Committee**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Community Survey Results** – A presentation on the survey results was given by Director Hopper.
- **IPLAR Report for 2024-25** - A presentation on the year end IPLAR statistics was given by Director Hopper.

**Board Comments:** A board member inquired about the Dolly Parton grant and stated that Elwood would be having a vaccine clinic at the village hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Dearing at 5:52PM.

Respectively submitted,  
Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager