

MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

240 Whitson Street * Manhattan * IL * 60442

TAX LEVY HEARING 4:30pm

BOARD MEETING immediately following

September 22, 2025

The Tax Levy hearing was called to order by Tom Murray at 4:30PM

ROLL CALL: Present: Tom Murray, Sharon Gill, Patti Blatti, Jan Krekel and Keri English

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ORDINANCE 25-4 Tax Levy – A motion was made to approve Tax Levy Ordinance 25-4 by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT OF HEARING: A motion was made to adjourn the Tax Levy hearing at 4:32PM by Trustee English, seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion passed unanimously.

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

ROLL CALL: Present: (voting members): Keri English, Patti Blatti, Sharon Gill, Jan Krekel, Julie Mason, Tom Murray

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: Laurie Pope from Mack and Associates presented the financial audit for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

MINUTES: Minutes from the August 25, 2025 meeting were approved as written. Motion made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: Will County Board of Review letter

FINANCIAL REPORTS: August financials were approved as presented. The motion was made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Blatti. 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 Mason. Chapters 7 - 10 will be presented by Trustee Gill at the September meeting.
- **Village of Elwood Committee**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Friends of the Library Memo of Understanding** – A motion was made to approve and present the memo of understanding to the FOTL board. The motion was made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
 - **Policy Change – Cell Phone Stipend-** A motion was made to approve a cell phone stipend policy for the personnel policy. The motion was made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee English. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
- Strategic Planning Discussion** – The 2026-2029 strategic plan goals were discussed with the Board.

Board Comments:

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Mason and seconded by Trustee English at 5:33PM.

Respectively submitted,
Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager