

MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

240 Whitson Street * Manhattan * IL * 60442

TAX LEVY HEARING 4:30pm

BOARD MEETING immediately following

October 27, 2025

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Tom Murray, Sharon Gill, Jan Krekel, Keri English and Amanda Dearing

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ORDINANCE 25-5 Tax Levy – A motion was made to approve Tax Levy Ordinance 25-5 by Trustee Gill and seconded by Trustee English. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT OF HEARING: A motion was made to adjourn the Tax Levy hearing at 4:34PM 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 4:34pm by Tom Murray.

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

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 September 22, 2025 meeting were approved as written. The motion to accept was passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: Will County Annexation Notice

FINANCIAL REPORTS: September financials were approved as presented. The motion was made by Trustee Mason 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:

- **Serving Our Public-** Chapters 7 - 10 were presented by Trustee Gill and Chapters 11-13 were presented by Trustee English.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Friends of the Library Memo of Understanding Approval** – A motion was made to approve 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.
- **Addition of Bill Pay Services Online-** A motion was made to approve online bill pay through the library's banking website for the payments of utilities and recurring payments. The motion was made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Mason. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
- **Fundraising Efforts** – Discussed some fundraising efforts through the library. A motion was made to approve the library to move forward with fundraising efforts by Trustee English, seconded by Trustee Mason. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Strategic Plan 2025-2030– A comprehensive strategic plan was presented to the board. A motion was made to approve the strategic plan for years 2026-2030 as discussed with the Board. The motion was made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Dearing. 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 Dearing at 6:09PM.

Respectively submitted,
Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager