

MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

240 Whitson Street * Manhattan * IL * 60442

BOARD MEETING

November 24, 2025

Call to Order Monthly Board Meeting – Meeting called to order at 4:30PM by President Murray

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

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 October 27, 2025 meeting were approved as written. The motion to accept made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Dearing. The motion was passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS: October financials were approved as presented. The motion was made by Blatti, 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-**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- **One Year Elwood Anniversary Review** – reviewed statistics for the year at Elwood.
- **Banking- CD Maturity-** A motion was made to approve the split of the debt certificate funds to interest bearing accounts. The motion was made by Trustee Blatti and seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Elwood Real Estate- 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (5) –The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for purposes of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Info-Discussion-Action Moved to executive session at 5:50PM. The motion was made by Trustee Blatti and seconded by Trustee English.

Resume Current Meeting- A motion was made to exit out of executive session by Trustee Blatti, seconded by Trustee English the motion passed with unanimous vote by the board.

Executive meeting Action– A motion was made to allow Ashley to discuss the next steps for selling the extra lot. The motion was made by Trustee English 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 Gill at 6:27PM.

Respectively submitted,
Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager