

MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

240 Whitson Street * Manhattan * IL * 60442

BOARD MEETING

July 27, 2026

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

ROLL CALL: Present: (voting members): Sharon Gill, Patti Blatti, Keri English, 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 June 22, 2026, meeting were approved as written. The motion to accept was made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion was passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS: June 2026 financials were approved as presented. The motion was made by Trustee English, seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

PAYMENT OF SPECIAL BILLS: None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Given by Director Hopper.

COMMITTEES:

- **IL Library Standards** (formerly Serving Our Public)- Reviewed Information Services, Marketing & Promotion and Programming sections.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **RFQ for Architects** – discussed releasing in September after summer and library card sign up month.
- **Community Survey**- discussed survey questions for Village Community wide survey that involves all taxing bodies.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Non-Resident Fee Renewal**- A motion was made to continue to use the tax bill method for determining non-resident card costs. The motion was made by Trustee English, seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
- **Policy Updates** – A motion was made to approve the updates to the Library Policies 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 Gill at 5:22 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager