

**PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
August 16, 2023**

BUDGET HEARING

The Annual Budget Hearing was held on July 12, 2023 at 4:30 pm. There being no appearance for public comment, the hearing was closed at 4:35 pm. No regular Board Meeting was held on this date due to a lack of quorum.

ROLL CALL

The Morton Public Library District Board Meeting was called to order on August 16, 2023 at 4:32 p.m. Director Alissa Williams and Board members Turner, Hilliard, and Thompson were present. Riesberg arrived at 4:52 pm. All agenda items requiring a vote were held until quorum was met. Keach, Ropp and Gryl were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES

The minutes from the June 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the Revenue and Expenditure Summary. Expenditures were slightly over the budgeted amount for the year, at 100.7%, but revenue still exceeded expenses. No Treasurer's Report will be available until the completion of the audit next month. **Hilliard moved and Riesberg seconded to ratify the payment of July bills, which were signed by Turner and Thompson. The motion carried unanimously. Turner moved and Riesberg seconded to pay the August bills. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously.** Turner and Thompson agreed to sign September bills in light of the fact that no Board Meeting was scheduled.

	August 2023	Sept. 2023
Invoices Paid	61,923.52	31,602.21
Ameren Illinois	1,088.89	1,010.84
I3 Broadband	383.12	383.73
IT360, Inc.	2,505.90	-0-
Morton Utilities	281.41	225.86
Total Bills:	\$66,182.84	\$33,222.64
Director	7,398.68	7,398.68
Staff	34,383.06	37,381.93
Payroll Totals:	\$41,781.74	\$44,780.61
Employer IMRF	\$3,556.01	\$3,740.96
Employer FICA	\$3,196.27	\$3,425.73

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Williams reported that Summer Reading surpassed all prior records. There was a huge increase in participation by Grundy students and participation by students from all schools was up. The door count was up, and there was terrific attendance at Groove in the Garden concerts.

Synergetic was hired as the library's new technology provider. Williams reported there were significant issues with IT 360, that Synergetic's fees would be approximately \$500 per month less than IT 360, and that there were a number of other advantages to employing Synergetic.

NEW BUSINESS

Thompson moved and Riesberg seconded to approve Ordinance No. 23-2 with respect to the schedule of board meetings in the new fiscal year. The motion carried unanimously.

Turner moved and Hilliard seconded to approve the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 23-1 for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

Turner moved and Thompson seconded to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Library and Morton School District 709; as well as the Agreements between the Library and Blessed Sacrament School and Bethel Lutheran School for Library Services. The motion carried unanimously.

Turner moved and Riesberg seconded to approve the Business Use of Vehicle Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the FOIA Policy Update was tabled until next board meeting.

Turner moved and Thompson seconded to approve Holiday Hours Change for 2023, wherein the library will be open on December 23, and closed on December 25 and 26. The motion carried unanimously.

Turner moved and Riesberg seconded to approve the revision to the Vacation section in the Personnel Policy as presented in the Board Packet. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Riesberg inquired about the state of the parking lot and whether it would be addressed by patching or resurfacing. The parking lot is slated for repair in 2024 and the decision as how to proceed will be made at that time.

The Board discussed the possibility of a crosswalk at the corner of Pershing and Jefferson to facilitate pedestrian and bike traffic to the library.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather W. Thompson, Secretary

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 11th at 4:30 pm.