

MORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
June 15, 2022

The Morton Public Library District Board meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Director Williams and board members Turner, Keach, Gryl, Riesberg, and Thompson were present. Ropp and Hilliard were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tracy Aghei, Circulation Clerk, attended the meeting to introduce herself to the Board. She has been employed at the library since September 2018. She works circulation and hold shelves, processes new card applications, and just about anything else that needs to be done at the library.

MINUTES

The minutes from the May 11, 2022 Board Meeting were approved as submitted. The minutes from May 24, 2022 Long Range Planning Meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gryl delivered the Treasurer's Report. Gryl is still investigating better rates for a CD currently held at Busey Bank. There was a substantial increase in replacement tax income this year, which is an indication of healthy local businesses. The library will receive nearly \$200,000 in replacement taxes. **Keach moved and Thompson seconded that the June bills be paid. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously.**

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| Invoices Paid | \$34,512.80 | Payroll-Director | \$ 7,183.18 |
| Ameren Illinois | 399.84 | Staff | <u>33,370.01</u> |
| I3 Broadband | 379.42 | Payroll Total: | \$40,553.19 |
| Morton Utilities | 338.79 | Employer IMRF: | \$ 3,762.78 |
| IT360, Inc. | <u>2,425.90</u> | Employer FICA: | \$ 3,102.27 |
| Total Paid: | \$38,056.75 | | |

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Williams has confirmed that the library may purchase furniture from the approved government list of guaranteed lowest rates without having to bid out those purchases. Williams has narrowed the selection of new office furniture to two vendors and will report to the board with pricing at the next meeting.

The library plans to purchase new furniture for the teen area. Approximately half of the cost of that purchase can be funded through gifts and donations.

Williams presented the Board with information about the history of the Book Foundation, which was created in 1987 for the purchase of new items for the collection. The Board discussed the possibility of establishing a fund at the Morton Community Foundation with the existing Book Foundation funds. Williams will meet with MCF to discuss further.

A ribbon cutting to dedicate the new Storywalk at Lakewood Park will be held on Friday, June 17th at 2:30.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the Art Exhibit Policy. After an in-depth discussion, the Board agreed to table the issue until the next meeting in order to review the Artist Agreement in conjunction with the Art Exhibit Policy.

The Board reviewed the Alcohol Policy. After an in-depth discussion, the Board agreed to table the issue until the next meeting.

The Board reviewed the Budget and Appropriation Draft.

The Board reviewed the Draft of the Board Calendar.

Gryl moved and Turner seconded to approve the Strategic Plan as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed the Heat Tape Proposals. Keach reviewed the proposal from Ruyle Mechanical Services, Inc. and made inquiries. The response received was not adequate to approve the proposal. Williams will solicit new proposals.

OTHER BUSINESS

Riesberg suggested that the library should consider installing solar panels. Director Williams will begin an investigation as the efficacy of solar panels on the roof.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12pm

Respectfully submitted,
Heather W. Thompson, Secretary

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 13 at 4:30 p.m.