

MORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
August 10, 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, Hilliard and Thompson were present. Ropp was absent.

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS HEARING

The Morton Public Library District Budget and Appropriations Hearing was opened at 4:20 pm and closed at 4:30 pm. No comments were made during the open hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Witzig from the Morton Community Foundation attended the meeting in order to bring greater awareness of the MCF to the Board, in particular, how it may serve the Library to meet its goals. Witzig explained the foundation's "Gather, Grow, Grant" purpose. Board member Thompson, who is also a member of the MCF Board, spoke about her experience with MCF. Witzig provided an overview of how the Library might benefit from transferring its Book Fund to the MCF.

MINUTES

The minutes from the July 13, 2022 Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gryl delivered the Treasurer's Report. **Riesberg moved and Keach seconded that the August bills be paid. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously.** Because there will be no board meeting in September, Turner and Gryl agreed to be available to sign checks for September bills.

	Aug. 2022	Sept. 2022
Invoices Paid	\$34,263.83	\$67,077.54
Ameren Illinois	961.51	878.42
I3 Broadband	384.69	384.27
IT360, Inc.	2,425.90	2,425.90
Morton Utilities	209.44	248.03
Total Bills:	\$38,245.37	\$71,014.16
Director	7,183.18	7,183.18
Staff	32,875.75	34,364.38
Payroll Totals:	\$40,058.93	\$41,547.56
Employer IMRF	\$3,757.33	\$3,647.43
Employer FICA	\$3,064.54	\$3,178.34

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Williams reported that she has filled the Adult Outreach/ Home Delivery position. Williams provided a review of the Summer Reading Program. Over 30% of school children participated in the program, logging almost 12,000 hours of reading. The Read to Me program participation doubled, with 305 children listening to at least 25 books. In addition, there were 306 participants in the Adult Summer Reading program, logging more than 7,000 hours. Groove in the Garden hosted between 100 and 300 people at each of its three concerts (one event was canceled due to weather).

NEW BUSINESS

Williams presented information about the purchase of office furniture. The Henricksen proposal provided a better floor plan at a lower price. **Gryl moved and Hilliard seconded to approve the**

purchase of the office furniture in the amount of \$36,100.80 and an additional \$1,800.00 expenditure for the removal and disposal of the old furniture. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously.

Williams presented bids for the electrical upgrade in the office area. Gryl moved and Keach seconded to employ L&F Electric to complete the electrical upgrade in the office area at the cost of \$4,310.00. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously.

Keach moved and Gryl seconded to approve the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously.

Turner moved and Riesberg seconded to approve the FOIA policy update. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed and discussed Library Standards Chapters 1-4.

(Turner left the meeting at 5:34 pm; Keach conducted the remainder of the meeting.)

OLD BUSINESS

The Board reviewed updated Heat Tape Proposals from three providers. L&F was not the lowest bid; however, there were concerns about the lack of responsiveness from the company with a lower bid with respect to the scope of the work. **Gryl moved and Hillard seconded that L&F Electric be employed to complete the heat tape work at the cost of \$7,670.00. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Board agreed to table the Alcohol Policy until the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather W. Thompson, Secretary

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct 12th at 4:30 pm.