

**MINUTES
ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, May 21, 2024
Kossmann Room
7:00 PM**

President Marsha Baker called the May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members in attendance in the Kossmann Room included: Ingrid Becton, Cindy Wellwood Burke, Taylor Holop, Carol Jacobsen, Sue Sadowski, and William Shanklin.

Trustees Jane Chornij and Bill Ryan were absent.

Also in attendance were Library Director Mary Beth Harper and Assistant Director Marcy Rodriguez.

There were no visitors.

There was no public comment.

Board President Baker read the following correspondence:

Miss Baker –

I hope this email finds you well. I just watched a John Oliver episode concerning Public Libraries under attack.

I am writing to say I support the GREAT job you all do.

Please reach out to me if you need more support or if there continue to be troubling censorship issues we can help thwart.

Respectfully,

Scott E. Glosner, BS, PharmD, BCPS, MPH

Sr. Director, Cardiology & Metabolism Team

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the April 16, 2024 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting. Director Harper's name was corrected in the minutes. Trustee Sadowski moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the April 16, 2024 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting be approved as amended.

Trustee Becton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next order of business was the approval of the May 21, 2024 Accounts Payable. Trustee Shanklin moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the May 21, 2024 Accounts Payable be approved as presented.

Director Harper responded to questions about the invoices. Trustee Sadowski seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Director Harper discussed the financial reports. Ms. Harper stated that a replacement tax payment of \$37,357 was received. She answered several questions from the Board.

In the Director's Report, Ms. Harper talked about summer reading. This year's theme, *Read, Renew, Repeat*, is especially appropriate because libraries are places where resources are shared among community members. Checking out items, using them, and returning them for someone else to use is perfect for those who are eco-conscious and believe in spending less and saving more.

She shared that the My EPL campaign debuted in the latest edition of *Fine Print*. We hope that the community is as excited about this new campaign as we are. It is important to note that the Library is not profiting from the sale of merchandise. The campaign is meant to be a fun way for patrons to showcase their love for their Library.

There was no President's Report.

There was no Unfinished Business.

The first order of New Business was the building appraisal. Director Harper discussed the building appraisal. She stated that our broker is working with Hanover to get a quote for increased coverage for the building and decreased coverage for the contents.

The next order of New Business was the review of the 2025 Draft Budget.

The next order of New Business was the review of the Public Relations Policy. Director Harper reviewed the policy and proposed no changes. After some discussion among the Trustees, Trustee Jacobsen moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Public Relations Policy be approved as presented.

Trustee Becton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Under other business, Trustee Wellwood Burke stated that Illinois House Bill 4567 passed today. This bill expands protections for libraries and library workers against threats.

There being no Other Business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.