

**MINUTES
ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Kossmann Room
7:00 PM**

This meeting was held in the Kossmann Room.

President Marsha Baker called the April 15, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members in attendance included: Jane Chornij, Taylor Holop, Carol Jacobsen, Bill Ryan, Bill Shanklin, and Cindy Wellwood.

Trustee Sue Sadowski and Ingrid Becton were absent.

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

Bryan Blank, Head of Adult Services, was in attendance.

There was no public comment.

Director Harper discussed the letter from the Secretary of State and State Librarian, Alexi Giannoulis. She also noted that she met with Board President, Marsha Baker and Trustee, Cindy Wellwood to talk about the impacts of the funding cuts to IMLS.

The first order of business was the approval of the Minutes of the March 18, 2025 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting. Trustee Jacobsen moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the March 18, 2025 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
be approved as presented.

Trustee Shanklin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next order of business was the approval of the April 15, 2025 Accounts Payables. Trustee Wellwood moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the April 15, 2025 Accounts Payables be approved as presented.

Trustee Jacobsen seconded the motion. Director Harper answered several questions about the invoices. The motion carried.

Director Harper went over the financial reports. She answered several questions from the Board.

In the Director's Report, Ms. Harper stated that an electrician worked on replacing old light bulbs with energy efficient LED bulbs in the Administration office area and the upstairs study rooms. This bulb replacement project has been ongoing for several years. Because of the amount of lighting we have in the building and the height of some of the fixtures, we hire an electrician to change out the ballasts and fit the new lights.

She also noted that the One Book, One Elmhurst committee met to choose this year's title. After much discussion, a consensus was reached. The summer edition of Fine Print will include a clue to the title, and the book will be formally announced in the fall edition of Fine Print. One Book takes place during the month of November.

In the President's Report, Ms. Baker asked the Board to read the letter from the Secretary of State and State Librarian, Alexi Giannoulias.

The first order of Unfinished Business was the update on the patio renovation project. Director Harper went over the designs and answered several questions from the Board. She also stated that she will attend the next Park District Board Meeting to answer questions about the project.

The next order of New Business was the approval of Participation in the Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement. Each year, the Board of Trustees must inform the Illinois State Library whether or not the Library will participate in the statewide reciprocal borrowing program. EPL receives a Per Capita Grant through the Illinois State Library, and Elmhurst residents use their library cards at neighboring libraries throughout the year. Trustee Shanklin moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Elmhurst Public Library Board of Trustees will participate in the statewide reciprocal borrowing program as promulgated by the Illinois State Library for FY 2025.

Trustee Chornij seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next order of New Business was the review of the Complaints from the Public Policy. Director Harper discussed the reasons why a separate policy was no longer needed. After some discussion among the Trustees, Trustee Ryan moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Complaints from the Public Policy be discontinued.

Trustee Chornij seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Director Harper previewed the Library website. She answered questions from the Board.

Head of Adult Services, Bryan Blank previewed the Library catalog.

There being no Other Business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.