

**MINUTES
ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
Kossmann Room
7:00 PM**

This meeting was held in the Kossmann Room.

President Baker called the January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Trustee Susan Sadowski was absent.

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

There were no visitors in attendance.

There was no public comment.

There was no correspondence.

The first order of business was the approval of the Minutes of the December 17, 2024 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting. Trustee Jacobsen moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the December 17, 2024 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting be approved as presented.

Trustee Ryan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next order of business was the approval of the December 31, 2024 and January 21, 2025 Accounts Payables. Trustee Becton moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the December 31, 2024 and January 21, 2025 Accounts Payables be approved as presented.

Trustee Chornij seconded the motion. Director Harper answered several questions about the invoices.

The motion carried.

Director Harper discussed the financial reports. The Library collected 100% of property and 88% of replacement taxes. She stated that a property tax payment of \$49,524 and a replacement tax payment of \$19,280 were received.

Ms. Harper reviewed the expenditure report. The overall salary line was underspent. There were a few lines that went over budget including custodial services, building, and insurance. Ms. Harper answered several questions from the Board.

In the Director's Report, Ms. Harper stated the repairs to the Lobby elevator were completed. The elevator was out of service for over a month. During that time, patrons used the elevator in the Kids' Library. People were understanding but it's good to have the lobby elevator operating again.

Ms. Harper talked about Winter Reading. Adults can participate in a Winter Reading Challenge to expand their reading comfort zone, while high schoolers can participate in a program to earn prizes for reading. The kids' theme is Reading is Sweet and prizes are earned after completing 20 days of reading and 40 days of reading.

There was no President's Report.

The first order of unfinished business was the update on the patio renovation project. Director Harper discussed various pricing options and answered several questions from the Board. After a lengthy conversation on the different aspects of the project, Director Harper stated she would contact the Park District and look into pricing options. Trustee Becton moved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED.

That the patio renovation project be approved at a cost of \$500,000.

Trustee Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

In Other Business Trustee Wellwood Burke asked how our checkout statistics compare with other libraries. Director Harper stated she that would look into it and provide an update.

There being no Other Business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.