



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PEKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD TUESDAY, OCT. 22, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M. AT 301 S. FOURTH ST., PEKIN, IL.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Carrie Allen, President; Randy Turner, Vice President; Leslie Leitner, Secretary; Gary Gillis, Treasurer; Mary Ann Ladendorf; Mary Jane Sours; and Christy Gardner

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Maureen Naughtin; Tim Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Emily Lambe, Public Information Manager

President Allen called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

MINUTES

The MINUTES of the September 24, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, and the October 21, 2024, Finance Committee Meeting, were approved as presented. Copies of the minutes and financial reports were sent to the Trustees prior to the meeting. Trustee Gillis MOVED to APPROVE the minutes. Trustee Sours SECONDED the MOTION. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Connection

Upcoming Programs

Emily Lambe updated the Board on programs for November.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

Following discussion, Trustee Gillis MOVED to APPROVE expenditures for September in the amount of \$122,392.01. Trustee Sours SECONDED the MOTION. On roll call vote, Trustees Sours, Turner, Leitner, Allen, Gardner, Gillis and Ladendorf voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Finance Committee met to discuss FY2026 Budget Draft and Levy. Trustee Gillis reported the committee made some minor adjustments to the Budget to make it balanced.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Brooks reviewed the Budget Draft, noting he added more money to the Building Repair expense line to reflect this past year's expenses, and more money to resources to reflect the increase in use of ebooks. The Library Services Committee will schedule a meeting to discuss changes to the Rules for Considerate Library Use policy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve the FY2026 Budget Draft and Levy

Trustee Gillis MOVED to APPROVE to the FY2026 Budget Draft in the amount of \$1,762,584 and Levy for FY2026. Trustee Ladendorf SECONDED the MOTION. On roll call vote, Trustees Sours, Turner, Leitner, Allen, Gardner, Gillis and Ladendorf voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

Update on Capital Projects

Director Brooks is moving forward on getting a fence installed for the Storybook Garden.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Leitner invited the Board to the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting and Agatha Christie program on October 24, 2024. Director Brooks mentioned the library is getting a new website due to new ADA requirements, and it should launch in early November.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Gillis MOVED to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. Trustee Turner SECONDED the MOTION. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

Secretary

President