



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PEKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD TUESDAY, OCT. 24, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. AT 301 S. FOURTH ST., PEKIN, IL.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Carrie Allen, President; Randy Turner, Vice President; Gary Gillis, Treasurer; Maureen Naughtin; Sue Crowell; Mary Ann Ladendorf

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Mary Jane Sours; Trustee Williams; Trustee Leitner

OTHERS PRESENT: Emily Lambe, Public Information Manager

President Allen called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

MINUTES

The MINUTES of the Sept 26, 2023, Regular Board 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 Crowell 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, which will be a 'Dinovember' theme.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

Following discussion, Trustee Gillis MOVED to APPROVE expenditures for September in the amount of \$191,341.33. Trustee Ladendorf SECONDED the MOTION. On roll call vote, Trustees Turner, Naughtin, Allen, Crowell, Gillis, and Ladendorf voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No report

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Brooks presented the FY2025 Budget Draft to the Board with a few adjustments from last month. With the expectation that the Replacement Tax will be 25% less than this year, he is requesting a levy increase of 3.65% after having no levy increase last year. Also presented was a Capital Projects update, noting that the PC replacement project is complete; JULIE marked up the property for sign installation; and two quotes received for the shed repair.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve FY2025 Levy

Trustee Gillis MOVED to APPROVE the 2025 Levy. Trustee Turner SECONDED the MOTION. On roll call vote, Trustees Turner, Naughtin, Allen, Crowell, Gillis, and Ladendorf voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

Approve Contract for Literacy Consultant

Trustee Naughtin MOVED to APPROVE the Contract for a Literacy Consultant. Trustee Ladendorf SECONDED the MOTION. The Board discussed the importance of creating relationships and cooperation

with our schools and local organizations. Trustee Naughtin suggested this consultant would be the spark to bring all these organizations together. Trustee Turner expressed concerns about the cost but agreed with all the benefits. Trustee Gillis is also hoping this literacy summit will help us create a love of reading in our youth. On roll call vote, Trustees Turner, Naughtin, Allen, Crowell, Gillis, and Ladendorf voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

Approve Shed Renovation Project

Trustee Gillis MOVED to APPROVE to Shed Renovation Project. Trustee Crowell SECONDED the MOTION. On roll call vote, Trustees Turner, Naughtin, Allen, Crowell, Gillis, and Ladendorf voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Gillis MOVED to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Naughtin SECONDED the MOTION. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

Secretary

President