

**Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library
109 S. State Street, Hampshire, IL 60140
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
October 28, 2024**

Call to Order: President Linda Wallace called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Trustees Kim Alberth, Pat Dumoulin, Morgan Kolecke, Suzanne Lattanzio, Judy Pokorny, and Linda Wallace.

Absent: None

Staff Members: Executive Director Stephen Bero, Youth Services Manager/Assistant Director Heather Swanson, and Recording Secretary Kimberly Luhman.

Public: Friends of the Library Cathy Czopek, Mortenson Business Development Manager Steve Eskildsen, Mortenson Senior Project Manager Neil Wisker, and Karen Williams.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Wallace led those gathered in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes/Corrections to the Agenda: None

Questions/Comments-Public/Media: None

Approval of Minutes:

Public Meeting: Motion by Trustee Dumoulin and second by Trustee Pokorny to approve the minutes from the Public Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on September 23, 2024. The minutes were approved by voice-vote consensus.

Regular Session: Motion by Trustee Lattanzio and second by Trustee Kolecke to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on September 23, 2024. The minutes were approved by voice-vote consensus.

Treasurer's Report:

- Approval of Bills for October 2024; Payrolls for September 2024. Motion by Trustee Alberth and second by Trustee Lattanzio to approve the October 2024 Bills in the amount of \$60,404.28 and Payrolls in the amount of \$37,554.60. The Bills and Payrolls were approved by voice-vote consensus.
- Financial Report-Trustees reviewed the monthly Financial Report prepared by J. Scott Chilton, CPA.

Director's Report:

- Department Reports
- Circulation/Programming/Database Statistics
- Ella's Friends Minutes-October 8, 2024

Director Bero shared that our programming has been great. We are getting a lot of positive feedback on social media about them. Trustee Wallace added that it has been nice seeing all the positive comments. Trustee Pokorny was amazed at how many people attended the Trunk or Treat event. Heather explained that yes, there are 1,000 people that attend. She explained how it all works and what all there is to do at the event. Also, Holidays on State will be coming up on November 2nd. Plus, there will be several Pingree Grove activities coming up.

Ella's Friends: All the available referendum signs have been handed out or placed at various locations.

President's Report: Trustee Wallace wanted to share a few of the wonderful things that have been taking place at the library. Goebbert's donation of pumpkins for our program was wonderful to see. St. Charles Borromeo School brought their 2nd graders to the library recently to spend time learning. The Friends book sale was tremendous. Walking in and seeing all the NHS students helping with the sale was wonderful. A community of people involved. Linda felt that Dewberry did a great job with their presentation at the Town Hall meeting. Lots of positive comments from the public. In conclusion it is wonderful seeing people work together.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A. Resolution in honor of Trustee Karen Williams.

Motion by Trustee Dumoulin and second by Trustee Lattanzio, that the board adopt the Resolution of Appreciation for Karen Williams' service as Library Trustee. The motion was approved by voice-vote consensus.

B. Proclamation: National Friends of the Library Week, October 20-26,

Motion by Trustee Pokorny and second by Trustee Kolecke, that the board proclaim the week of October 20-26, 2024, National Friends of the Library Week. The motion was approved by voice-vote consensus.

C. Draft of Annual Levy

Motion by Trustee Dumoulin and seconded by Trustee Lattanzio, that the board choose Scenario #3 for the annual levy amount, and if necessary, set the date for the Truth in Taxation Hearing for Monday, November 25, 2024, at 6:45 pm. The motion was approved by voice-vote consensus.

D. Executive Session to consider the purchase or lease of real property for the use of a public body
[5 ILCS 120/2.(5)]

Motion by Trustee Pokorny and second by Trustee Dumoulin to enter executive session at 7:29 pm
The motion was approved by voice-vote consensus.

Board returned to its regular meeting at 7:54 PM

Action as a result of Executive Session: None

Discussion: No application(s) for the Trustee position as of yet. The deadline is November 1, 2024. Facebook comments regarding the referendum have not all been positive. There seems to be confusion regarding a district library and who we serve. There is a mailer going out soon. The Town Hall meeting at Carillon will be held on October 30th as well as another meeting here at the library. Both meetings begin at 7. Heather Swanson will run the meeting at the library and Director Bero will be at Carillon. Trustee

Pokorny will attend the Carillon meeting along with Trustee Lattanzio. Trustee Dumoulin will attend at the library.

Adjournment: Trustee Dumoulin motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, seconded by Trustee Alberth. President Wallace adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Closing of the meeting was approved by voice-vote consensus.

The next Regular Board Meeting is at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 25, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Luhman, Recording Secretary

Kim Alberth, Board Secretary