

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS  
HELD AT THE LIBRARY DISTRICT EVENT SPACE  
50 EAST WEND STREET, LEMONT, ILLINOIS**

**October 8, 2024**

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

The Board President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following trustees answered present: Laura Burt-Nicholas, Patricia Camalliere, Melanie Grzesik-Duffy, Vytenis Kirvelaitis, Renee Miller, Catherine Sanders, and Michaeline Skibinski. Library Director Mary Golden was also present.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Trustee Camalliere and seconded by Trustee Burt-Nicholas to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2024. A voice vote was taken. All said aye. The motion passed. A motion was made by Trustee Skibinski and seconded by Trustee Sanders to approve the minutes of the Budget and Appropriation Hearing of September 10, 2024. A voice vote was taken. All said aye. The motion passed.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Skibinski reported that the Library received almost \$52,000 in tax distributions from DuPage County. Approximately \$100,000 in funds were still outstanding from Cook County. Trustee Sanders made a motion, seconded by Trustee Miller, to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted:

Chase Bank	
Checking Account	\$31,519.39
Savings Account	106.77
Illinois Funds	
Money Market e-pay	70,615.37
Illinois National Bank	
e-Pay	1,000.00
Lemont Bank & Trust	
Money Market	12,269.77
PMA	
Operating Account	1,020,451.77
LTD	216,560.00

A roll call was taken. Trustees Burt-Nicholas, Camalliere, Grzesik-Duffy, Kirvelaitis, Miller, Sanders, and Skibinski answered aye. There were no nays. The motion passed.

**4. Payment of Bills**

There was a motion made by Trustee Skibinski and seconded by Trustee Burt-Nicholas to approve payment of total accounts payable, ACH payments, and payroll in the amount of \$135,278.50. A roll call was taken. Trustees Burt-Nicholas, Camalliere, Grzesik-Duffy, Kirvelaitis, Miller, Sanders, and Skibinski answered aye. There were no nays. The motion passed.

**5. Public Comments**

Matt Peksa, Deputy Chief of Operations of the Lemont Fire Protection District, and Lemont Fire Protection District Board Trustees Dan Tholotowsky and Raymond Negrete presented information on a \$46 million bond referendum, which would be on the November 5, 2024 ballot. Lemont's

rapidly- growing population and the increased demand for emergency services have led to longer response times. The proposal focused on improving emergency response times in the Village, including relocating or renovating district fire stations.

## 6. Reports

### a. Board President

No report.

### b. Library Director

Library Director Golden highlighted and added to her written report:

- ◆ The Director responded to questions and correspondence related to recommendations made by the Library's insurance provider, Cook and Kocher Insurance Group, Inc. Two popular Library programs were impacted, Yoga and Ageless Grace. The Library had no choice but to cancel these programs because, if it did not comply, the Library's would not be able to renew its entire insurance policy. The Lemont Park District already offered similar programs. The Library might partner with the Park District again in the future.
- ◆ The Eagle Scout project, constructing garden beds and planting shrubs in the children's garden, had been completed. The scouts would also be installing a plaque.
- ◆ The Library began sending welcome emails to new Library card holders. Forty-seven emails were sent in September.
- ◆ The new Library app had been downloaded almost six hundred times.
- ◆ Lauterbach & Amen LLP would present the Library's annual audit for fiscal year 2023-2024 before the regular Board meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.

## 7. Committee Reports

### a. Technology

### b. Policy and Personnel

### c. Planning and Goals

The committees did not meet this month.

### d. Finance

The committee met on September 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the tax levy and brainstorm on fundraising activities. Members were not in favor of charging for certain adult programs to compensate for delayed tax distributions, preferring to search for alternate sources of income.

### e. Building and Grounds

The committee did not meet formally, but the President and Director discussed editing committee policies to make them more consistent. The committee would be choosing snow removal services at its next meeting.

### f. Local Government Efficiency Committee

The committee had served its purpose. This item would be removed from future agendas.

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## 8. New Business

### a. Resolution Fiscal Year 25-02 to Determine Estimate of Funds Needed

A motion was made by Trustee Skibinski and seconded by Trustee Sanders to adopt the Resolution for Fiscal Year 25-02 to determine the estimate of funds to be raised by taxation for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. A roll call was taken. Trustees Burt-Nicholas, Camalliere, Grzesik-Duffy, Kirvelaitis, Miller, Sanders, and Skibinski answered aye. There were no nays. The motion passed.

### b. Set Date for Truth in Taxation Hearing

The Truth in Taxation Hearing would take place on November 12, 2024, at 6:45 p.m., right before the regular Board meeting.

**9. Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**10. Executive Session**

There was no reason to move into executive session.

**11. Correspondence**

The Director replied to three emails from past yoga class attendees who hoped the Library would continue its yoga classes: Phyllis Hardy, Kathleen Mueggenborg, and Debra Grand.

The trustees informally discussed Sunday operating hours.

**12. Adjournment**

Trustee Skibinski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. A voice vote was taken. All voted aye. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Stephens-Zemaitis  
Recording Secretary