

**MINUTES of the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY LIBRARY DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING – FY2023 TRUTH IN TAXATION ACT**

DATE: November 21, 2022
TIME: 6:30pm
PLACE: Fairmont City Library Center, Fairmont City, IL

Call to Order

Mark Schusky, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Roll Call

Trustees present:
Laura Gottschalk
Cathy Kulupka (arrived at 6:35pm)
Ana Romero-Lizana
Mark Schusky
Marleen Suarez

Trustees absent: Amanda Bender

Also present:
Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director
Katie Heaton, Assistant Director

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Input – A member of the public asked what impact the increased tax levy would have on the average household. It was explained that the increased levy is the result of a lapsed TIF district in Collinsville and the resulting ability of the MVLDD to levy on property that has been held stagnant for the past 35 years.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the public hearing made by Kulupka and seconded by Romero-Lizana.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to adjourn:

Mark Schusky - yes
Laura Gottschalk - yes
Ana Romero-Lizana- yes

Cathy Kulupka – yes
Marleen Suarez – yes

Yes- 5, No – 0, Abstained – 0, Absent – 1

Motion carried. Public hearing adjourned at 6:36pm.

**MINUTES of the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: November 21, 2022
TIME: 6:38pm
PLACE: Fairmont City Library Center, Fairmont City, IL

Call to Order

Mark Schusky, President, called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

Roll Call

Trustees present:

Laura Gottschalk
Cathy Kulupka
Ana Romero-Lizana
Mark Schusky
Marleen Suarez

Trustees absent: Amanda Bender

Also present:

Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director
Katie Heaton, Assistant Director

Public Input – Michael Treece, Jr. and Lisa McCormick both spoke about their applications to fill the trustee vacancy. Killian Weir thanked the board members for their service to the MVLD.

Friends of the Library- No update from the Friends. Waltermire is working on a donation request to submit to the Friends for slatwall endcaps and bookstore-style signage (art, history, current affairs, etc.) for the nonfiction section.

Trustee Comments-

Kulupka asked if the Fairmont City tree lighting event was being held on a different weekend than in the past. Heaton responded that it was due to a scheduling matter with one of the key volunteers.

Consent Items

Motion to approve Consent Items in entirety made by Gottschalk and seconded by Kulupka.

- a. Approval of Minutes- October 17, 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting
- b. Administrative Reports

Report given by Waltermire:

- Waltermire signed a contract with Homefield Energy to become the new electricity supplier for the MVLD for a 48-month period. Current Ameren rates are \$0.14085 kWh and Homefield Energy offered rates of \$0.11124 kWh.
- A parcel on Short Street directly adjacent to the MVLD's property is going up for sale by Madison County.
- Waltermire was invited to run for the Illinois Library Association's vice president/president-elect position. It would be a three-year term. Due to the time commitment and a need to focus that time on MVLD projects first, Waltermire declined the invitation but requested consideration for any upcoming director-at-large openings.

Report given by Heaton:

- MVLD Maintenance Technician Zeke Pennington started work on a wall in the Fairmont City Library that will separate the community room and children's area. It will be insulated to provide sound dampening. The side facing the community room will display local history memorabilia.
- Heaton distributed information about the annual Fairmont City tree lighting and corresponding events.
- PCs for People signups are underway.
- For the first time since 2019, the coat and warm items giveaway will be back. Due to COVID, the MVLD did red wagon giveaways in 2020 and 2021 in lieu of the coat and warm items giveaway.

c. Finances- no discussion.

d. Committee Reports

i. Finance – none

ii. Personnel – none

iii. Fundraiser – none

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to adopt the consent items in their entirety:

Mark Schusky - yes

Laura Gottschalk - yes

Ana Romero-Lizana- yes

Cathy Kulupka – yes

Marleen Suarez - yes

Yes- 5, No – 0, Abstained – 0, Absent – 1

Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- a. COVID-19 Related Actions – No updates.
- b. Tabled until March 2023: Repairs & Updates to the Blum House- Collinsville Library Foundation
- c. Annual Evaluation of Executive Director
Personnel committee will try to meet to finish the process for 2021-2022.
- d. Eagle Scout Project – Memorial Bricks by Historical Museum
Ryder Saak is checking with City Hall to see if any permits are needed for the proposed work.
- e. Short Street Lot
City Council meets on November 22 and will revisit the Short Street discussion at that time. If City Council isn't interested, the MVL D will try to bundle its sale with the adjacent parcel that is also up for sale.
- f. Board Vacancy
Discussion held for closed session.

New Business

- a. Approval of Ordinance 23-03: FY2023 Tax Levy Ordinance
Kulupka moved and Romero-Lizana seconded to approve the tax levy ordinance as presented.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to adopt the tax levy ordinance:

Mark Schusky - yes
 Laura Gottschalk - yes
 Ana Romero-Lizana- yes
 Cathy Kulupka – yes
 Marleen Suarez - yes

Yes- 5, No – 0, Abstained – 0, Absent – 1

Motion carried.

- b. Holidays Policy – Two Holidays on Back-to-Back Days and Involving a Holiday
Waltermire asked for feedback on how to incorporate this scenario into the policy. The 2023 Christmas and New Year’s holidays involve Sunday-Monday scenarios. Consensus was to push the holiday closings to Monday-Tuesday in these instances. Waltermire will draft a policy revision to present at the January 9, 2023 regular meeting.
- c. Review of Serving Our Public 4.0 Chapter 12 & 13 – no discussion.

Closed Session

Kulupka moved and Gottschalk seconded to enter into closed session for “[t]he selection of a person to fill a public office...including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance...” [5 ILCS 2(c)(3)].

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to move into closed session:

Mark Schusky - yes
Laura Gottschalk - yes
Ana Romero-Lizana- yes
Cathy Kulupka – yes
Marleen Suarez - yes

Yes- 5, No – 0, Abstained – 0, Absent – 1

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:07pm.

Open session resumed at 7:20pm.

Romero-Lizana moved and Suarez seconded to appoint Michael Treece, Jr. to the vacant trustee position.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to appoint Michael Treece, Jr.:

Mark Schusky - yes
Laura Gottschalk - yes
Ana Romero-Lizana- yes
Cathy Kulupka – yes
Marleen Suarez - yes

Yes- 5, No – 0, Abstained – 0, Absent – 1

Motion carried.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Kulupka and seconded by Romero-Lizana to adjourn.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to adjourn:

Mark Schusky - yes
Laura Gottschalk - yes
Ana Romero-Lizana- yes
Cathy Kulupka – yes
Marleen Suarez - yes

Yes- 5, No – 0, Abstained – 0, Absent – 1

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.