

**MINUTES of the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY LIBRARY DISTRICT  
PUBLIC HEARING – FY2023 BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE**

DATE: September 19, 2022  
TIME: 6:30pm  
PLACE: Fairmont City Library Center

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

Trustees present:

Amanda Bender  
Nancy Gerstenecker  
Laura Gottschalk  
Cathy Kulupka  
Ana Romero-Lizana  
Mark Schusky  
Marleen Suarez

Trustees absent: none

Also present:

Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director  
Theresa Beck, Children’s Librarian

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Input** – none in person, via email, or via Zoom.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the public hearing made by Ana Romero-Lizana and seconded by Nancy Gerstenecker.

**A roll call vote was taken:**

Mark Schusky - yes  
Laura Gottschalk - yes  
Amanda Bender- yes  
Ana Romero-Lizana- yes  
Nancy Gerstenecker – yes  
Cathy Kulupka – yes  
Marleen Suarez - yes

Yes- 7, No – 0, Abstained – 0. Absent – 0

Motion carried. Public hearing adjourned at 6:37pm.

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

DATE: September 19, 2022  
TIME: 6:38pm  
PLACE: Fairmont City Library Center

**Call to Order**

Mark Schusky, President, called the meeting to order at 6:38pm.

**Roll Call**

Trustees present:

Amanda Bender  
Nancy Gerstenecker  
Laura Gottschalk  
Cathy Kulupka  
Ana Romero-Lizana  
Mark Schusky  
Marleen Suarez

Trustees absent: none

Also present:

Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director

**Public Input** – none in person, via email, or via Zoom.

**Friends of the Library**- Next book sale scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustee Comments-**

Trustees Kulupka, Gottschalk, Gerstenecker, Suarez, and Romero-Lizana expressed congratulations to Theresa Beck, who previously served as the Collinsville Memorial Library's Circulation Supervisor and was recently chosen to be the district's new Children's Librarian. Gottschalk was also pleased to see the library in the Italian Fest parade. Gerstenecker tendered her resignation from the Board effective October 1.

**Consent Items**

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

- a. Approval of Minutes- August 15, 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting
- b. Administrative Reports

Report given by Waltermire:

- September 20, 2022 is the first day that candidacy packets can be pulled for the trustee election for April 4, 2023. There are three 6-year terms, one 4-year term, and one 2-year term that will be open for election.
- Long-time volunteer and de facto Fairmont City Library children’s librarian Phyllis Beare passed away earlier in the day. Her service to the library was recognized and is appreciated.
- Gottschalk asked about the results of the school district collaboration allowing parents and guardians to give permission to the public libraries to issue accounts to students. It was noted that a good number of this year’s respondents are likely to already have library accounts and that MVLD staff are going through the spreadsheet of respondents to determine that information.

Assistant Director Katie Heaton’s report was in the packet; no updates to share.

c. Finances- no discussion.

d. Committee Reports

i. Finance – No meeting. However, Waltermire presented information about the FY2023 tax levy based on estimated EAVs received from the counties earlier in the day. Based on an increase in taxable EAV due to the lapse of one of Collinsville’s TIF districts, she recommended pursuing an 8.5% increase over last year. Trustees agreed. Waltermire will prepare the upcoming tax levy resolution and ordinance based on this.

ii. Personnel – none

iii. Fundraiser – none

**A roll call vote was taken:**

- Mark Schusky - yes
- Laura Gottschalk - yes
- Amanda Bender- yes
- Ana Romero-Lizana- yes
- Nancy Gerstenecker – yes
- Cathy Kulupka – yes
- Marleen Suarez - yes

Yes- 7, No – 0, Abstained – 0. Absent – 0

Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

- a. COVID-19 Related Actions  
At the request of the volunteer program leader, Meditation Meetings will continue to require masks. Otherwise, masking is optional.
- b. Repairs & Updates to the Blum House- Collinsville Library Foundation  
Counter tops are installed. The porch work remains but will resume in the spring. This topic will be tabled until March 2023.
- c. Annual Evaluation of Executive Director

Will resume this evaluation process soon.

- d. Eagle Scout Project – Memorial Bricks by Historical Museum – No update.
- e. Short Street Lot – City of Collinsville Offer on Parcel

City Council does not want to move forward with the purchase at this time, although they seem interested in revisiting the conversation pending the retention of home rule status, which will be determined during the November 8, 2022 elections.

Conversation about what to do with the lot at this time resulted in consensus to wait until after the election to decide next steps.

### **New Business**

- a. Approval of FY 2023 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance

A motion to approve the Budget & Appropriations Ordinance was made by Kulupka and seconded by Gerstenecker.

#### **A roll call vote was taken:**

Mark Schusky - yes  
Laura Gottschalk - yes  
Amanda Bender- yes  
Ana Romero-Lizana- yes  
Nancy Gerstenecker – yes  
Cathy Kulupka – yes  
Marleen Suarez - yes

Yes- 7, No – 0, Abstained – 0. Absent – 0

Motion carried.

- b. Approval of FY2023 Building & Maintenance Ordinance

A motion to approve the FY2023 Building & Maintenance Ordinance was made by Gottschalk and seconded by Romero-Lizana.

#### **A roll call vote was taken:**

Mark Schusky - yes  
Laura Gottschalk - yes  
Amanda Bender- yes  
Ana Romero-Lizana- yes  
Nancy Gerstenecker – yes  
Cathy Kulupka – yes  
Marleen Suarez - yes

Yes- 7, No – 0, Abstained – 0. Absent – 0

Motion carried.

- c. FY2022 Illinois Public Library Annual Report and Interlibrary Loan Traffic Survey – provided for informational purposes.
- d. November 8, 2022 Ballot Advisory Question

Discussion on what, if anything, the library should do in advance in the ballot question. Will revisit in October.

- e. Review of Serving Our Public 4.0 Chapter 11 – no discussion.

Suarez left the meeting at 7:23pm.

**Closed Session-** none

**Adjournment**

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

**A roll call vote was taken:**

Mark Schusky - yes  
Laura Gottschalk - yes  
Amanda Bender- yes  
Ana Romero-Lizana- yes  
Nancy Gerstenecker – yes  
Cathy Kulupka – yes

Yes- 6, No – 0, Abstained – 0. Absent – 1

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.