

**Belleville Area District Library
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sharon Peters called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** The following board members were present: Joy Cichewicz, Alma Hughes-Grubbs, John Juriga, Sharon Peters, and Tanya Stoudemire. Absent and excused: Dan Fleming and Linda Priest. Also present: Library Director Mary Jo Suchy.
3. **Approve Agenda:**
Motion by Juriga, seconded by Stoudemire, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Approve July 11, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Juriga, to approve the July 11, 2023, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comments:** None.
6. **Approve Resolutions Authorizing Millages to the December 2023 Tax Bill:** Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Juriga, to approve Resolution 2023-02, Winter Tax Levy #1, approved by the voters in August 2022. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Cichewicz, Hughes-Grubbs, Juriga, Peters, and Stoudemire. Nays: None. Absent: Fleming and Priest.

Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Juriga, to approve Resolution 2023-03, Winter Tax Levy #2, approved by the voters in November 2016. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Cichewicz, Hughes-Grubbs, Juriga, Peters, and Stoudemire. Nays: None. Absent: Fleming and Priest.

Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Cichewicz, to approve Resolution 2023-04, Winter Tax Levy #3, approved by the voters in November 2016. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Cichewicz, Hughes-Grubbs, Juriga, Peters, and Stoudemire. Nays: None. Absent: Fleming and Priest.

7. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Building:** The terrace railings would need to be completely rebuilt in order to extend their height. Consensus of the board was to not proceed with the terrace railing project at this time.
 - B. **Bylaws:** No report.
 - C. **Finance:** No report.
 - D. **Marketing:** No report.
 - E. **Personnel:** No report.
 - F. **Policy:** No report.

G. **Art:** The summer art installation from WHAT (We Have Artistic Talent) is on display in the 1st floor gallery space.

8. Approve Accounts Payable: Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Juriga, to approve the accounts payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Director's Report: See attached.

10. Trustee Comments:

Juriga – Asked Hilary Savage to check on the library's bees after August's rainstorms (they were OK). Asked Julie Kissel about Dress Our Truck, the Belleville Fire Auxiliary's benefit for equipment for the new fire truck. The benefit will take place on October 7 at 5 pm at the BYC.

Cichewicz – Was happy to see the library hiring an outreach librarian.

Hughes-Grubbs – Extended condolences to Mary Jane Dawson and her family on the death of her daughter-in-law.

Stoudemire – Looking forward to flyers for upcoming programming now that school is back.

11. Chair Comments:

Peters – All three of her granddaughters visited her this summer, and all of them were able to come to the library.

12. Adjournment:

Motion by Juriga to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.