

**Belleville Area District Library
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2024**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sharon Peters called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** The following board members were present: Joy Cichewicz, Dan Fleming, Alma Hughes-Grubbs, John Juriga, Sharon Peters, Linda Priest, and Tanya Stoudemire. Also present: Library Director Mary Jo Suchy.
3. **Approve Agenda:**
Motion by Juriga, seconded by Priest, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Approve July 9, Regular Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Priest, seconded by Juriga, to approve the July 9, 2024, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comments:** Dr. Maria Jackson-Smith formally introduced herself to announce that she was running for the BADL Board of Trustees.
6. **Approve Resolutions Authorizing Millages to the December 2024 Tax Bill:**
Motion by Juriga, seconded by Cichewicz, to approve Resolution 2024-1, Winter Tax Levy #1. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Cichewicz, Fleming, Hughes-Grubbs, Juriga, Peters, Priest, and Stoudemire. Nays: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Priest, to approve Resolution 2024-2, Winter Tax Levy #2. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Cichewicz, Fleming, Hughes-Grubbs, Juriga, Peters, Priest, and Stoudemire. Nays: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Priest, to approve Resolution 2024-3, Winter Tax Levy #3. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Cichewicz, Fleming, Hughes-Grubbs, Juriga, Peters, Priest, and Stoudemire. Nays: None. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Building:** The estimate for getting automatic door openers for all of the public restrooms is approximately \$50,000.
 - B. **Bylaws:** No report.
 - C. **Finance:** No report.
 - D. **Marketing:** No report.
 - E. **Personnel:** In consultation with the attorney, further revisions to the personnel policy are being made based upon the need to implement the Employee Sick Leave Act recently mandated by the Michigan Supreme Court. The committee will meet for a final review and the policy will be presented at the next board meeting.
 - F. **Policy:** No report.
 - G. **Art:** No report.

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

9. Director's Report: See attached.

10. Trustee Comments:

Juriga – No comment.

Fleming – Looks forward to the jazz program at the library tomorrow.

Stoudemire – Noted that it is good to see everyone after not having met last month.

Hughes-Grubbs – Hopes everyone had a good summer and encourages everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

Cichewicz – Announced that her library (Michigan Avenue Branch of the Ypsilanti District Library) will reopen on October 12 after extensive renovations due to water damage. She plans to retire from her Branch Head position at YDL in February and to go down to part time.

Priest – Asked how the library's bees are doing and if there will be honey. (The bees are doing well and there should be honey this fall).

11. Chair Comments:

Peters – Welcomes the library's new fall programs.

12. Adjournment:

Motion by Juriga, seconded by Priest, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.