

**MORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
March 9, 2022**

The Morton Public Library District Board meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Director Williams and board members Keach, Gryl, Thompson, Hilliard, Ropp and Riesberg were present. Turner was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brian Wolf, Naya Iyer and Jo Lynne Weiler from the Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Morton group attended the board meeting for the purpose of observation.

Katie Morrow was introduced to the board. She has worked at the library for 16 years and is currently employed as the Technical Services Assistant. She spoke about the upcoming Escape Room adventures that are planned at the library. The library began offering Escape Room opportunities in 2018. They have been very popular and have received great reviews from patrons. Ms. Morrow also spoke about other areas of her job, including overseeing the library's YouTube channel for Storytime and other technology-based offerings.

**MINUTES**

**The minutes from the February 9, 2022 Board Meeting were approved as submitted.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Gryl delivered the Treasurer's Report. Two CD's will be maturing soon, and Gryl will continue to seek out the best interest rates for reinvestment. **Riesberg moved and Hilliard seconded that the March bills be paid. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously.**

Invoices Paid	\$68,045.85	Payroll-Director	\$ 7,183.18
Ameren Illinois	569.65	Staff	<u>32,243.70</u>
I3 Broadband	381.02	Payroll Total:	\$39,426.88
Morton Utilities	804.39	Employer IMRF:	\$ 3,778.72
IT360, Inc.	<u>2,505.90</u>	Employer FICA:	\$ 3,016.12
Total Paid:	\$72,306.81		

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Williams reported that the Long Range Planning Committee had met. The committee and staff conducted community interviews in order to assess how the community uses the library. The Board discussed the new Statement of Economic Interest that all board members are required to submit. Williams advised the board of the Chamber of Commerce Forecast Breakfast on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 am, at which she will deliver a report. Williams met with the department heads to put together a "wishlist". New furniture for the teen area and new office furniture and configuration were at the top of the list. Williams provided the board with a demonstration of the new contactless printer/scanner station that was installed

**NEW BUSINESS**

The board reviewed lawn care bids; the second lowest bid was accepted due to the repeated customer service issues with the former provider. **Gryl moved and Ropp seconded to approve the lawn care contract with Winkel Lawn Care. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Board reviewed Closed Session Minutes.

**Gryl moved and Riesberg seconded to approve the updated Equipment Loan Policy. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Board reviewed the Computer and Internet Use Policy. No changes were proposed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Board members reported that patrons praised several programs including the Monday Morning Readers and Crazy Eights. Certain updates in the Hannah's Reading Garden were noted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather W. Thompson, Secretary

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 13 at 4:30 p.m.