

**MORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
**August 11, 2021**

The Morton Public Library District Budget Appropriations Hearing was opened at 4:25 pm. Hearing no comments, the hearing was closed at 4:31.

The Morton Public Library District Board meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. Director Williams and board members Turner, Keach, Gryl, Thompson, Riesberg and Ropp were present. Tracy Hilliard was also present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**MINUTES**

**Keach moved and Thompson seconded that the minutes from the July 14, 2021 board meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously. Gryl moved and Thompson seconded that the minutes from the August 4, 2021 Special Meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Gryl delivered the Treasurer's Report. A CD held at MCB was renewed. The annual audit is underway, and no financial reports are available for presentation until the audit is concluded. **Keach moved and Riesberg seconded that the August bills be paid. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously.**

Invoices Paid	\$30,841.36	Payroll-Director	\$ 6,906.88
Ameren Illinois	758.50	Staff	<u>21,693.10</u>
I3 Broadband	383.93	Payroll Total:	\$28,599.98
Morton Utilities	217.90	Employer IMRF:	\$ 3,992.60
United Healthcare	3,663.97	Employer FICA:	\$ 2,857.63
IT360, Inc.	<u>2,125.90</u>		
Total Paid:	\$37,991.56		

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Williams provided an update on restoring library services. The library will return to full operating hours the week following Pumpkin Festival. Williams stated that this will cause less confusion than restoring full hours at the start of school, only to reduce hours during the festival.

Williams will apply for an ARPA grant to install a self-serve scan and fax station. This will cut the cost of the service to customers, and not require an employee to conduct the service, therefore providing additional privacy and distancing to customers.

Summer Reading 2021 concluded with 154 "Read to Me" children completing a minimum of 25 books, with 94 of those reading 100 books or more. 410 school-age children read a minimum of 3 hours, with a total of more than 7600 hours of reading logged by this group. 60 teens finished their first goal, with a total of 2410 missions completed. 51 families participated in the family challenge and 274 adults logged more than 2500 hours of reading. The summer reading program concluded with separate parties for children and teens.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Gryl moved and Turner seconded to appoint Tracy Hilliard as a member of the Board of Trustees. The motion carried unanimously.** All board members took or renewed their Oath of Office.

**Thompson moved and Ropp seconded to approve the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 21-1. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Gryl moved and Riesberg seconded to approve Levy Ordinance 21-3. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Riesberg moved and Turner seconded to approve the FOIA Policy Ordinance 09-5 update. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Board reviewed Library Standards Chapters 1-4.

## OTHER BUSINESS

The board members confirmed that the meeting time of 4:30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month should continue.

Williams clarified that the use of masks will still be required for indoor programming for children under the age of 12.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather W. Thompson, Secretary

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.