

Bloomington Public Library
Board of Trustees
Budget and Personnel Committee

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

5:00 p.m.

William C. Wetzel Reading Room
205 E. Olive Street, Bloomington, IL 61701

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
Alicia Whitworth, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Alicia Henry, Diane Hollister, Mike Raikes, Alex Cardona, Alicia Whitworth

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins, Caprice Prochnow
- III. Introductions
There were no introductions.
- IV. Public Comment
There were no public comments.
- V. Approval of Minutes
A. April 11, 2017
Mike Raikes moved, Alex Cardona seconded, to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2017 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Old Business
There was no old business.
- VII. New Business
A. Review FY19 Fixed Asset Budget
Director Hamilton reviewed that the Fixed Asset Budget provides for items such as equipment, furniture, vehicles and such that cost over \$5,000, and has a useful life of a year or more. She shared that two items being budgeted for are a microfilm reader that is ready for replacement, and cantilever DVD shelving, rather than the current A-frame shelving. Questions were entertained.
Dianne Hollister moved, Mike Raikes seconded, to recommend the FY19 Fixed Asset Budget to the BPL Board for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Review FY19 Maintenance & Operating Budget

Director Hamilton explained that prior to the last Board meeting, the understanding from the City was that the equalized assessed value was going to be 1.8% for FY19, but since then, the percentage has changed to 0%. This is the reason for the 4 different budgets, rather than 3 as originally discussed, being presented with varying percentage increases.

Director Hamilton shared a tax base comparison for with Bloomington and other comparable communities, which shows that Bloomington is much lower than the others.

There was discussion on which budget to select, and how to promote it to Council with what the funds are intended for, along with the comparison of tax bases in other communities. There was consensus that the 1.5% and 3% budgets would be presented to the full Board for discussion and approval.

Mike Raikes moved, Alex Cardona seconded, to approve recommending the 1.5% and 3% budgets to the full Board for consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Adjournment

Dianne Hollister moved, Alex Cardona seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Alicia Whitworth, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.