

Harvey Public Library District's Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

President Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

Members Present: Mauzkie Ervin, Jerlene Harris, JoAnn Nesbitt, Tamika Price
and Roberta Patterson

Absent: William Whitaker

BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FYI 2018-2019**Purpose of Public Discussion**

A Power Point Presentation was available to the audience to follow along with the stated budget.

President Patterson informed the public that the budget had been on display for 30 days within the library.

Carmen Holmes asked about Collection Development breakdown. It was explained that collection development would include all genres: fiction, non-fiction, as well as reference materials for adults and children. If the Harvey Public Library District did not contain particular materials, we are a part of a system where patrons are able to request items throughout SWAN.

Ms. Holmes also asked about increasing/developing programs, as seen from line item regarding programs. The appropriation for programs is \$10,000 for the year. President Patterson explained that the interim director and staff take suggestions from trustees and patrons to plan and pay for programming.

Concerns was raised about professional services line item, which includes the financial planner and bond council costs for the year.

Trustee Jerlene Harris discussed E1101, Administration salaries (four salaries currently). 11 people are on staff currently, \$300,000 provides space to hire, it does not mean we will use that total amount. E1102, department staff includes seven employees with room to grow. Interim Director explained that there is at least four vacant staff positions. President Patterson explained that the money listed is appropriated; this does not mean the amount shown is be spent in the fiscal year; as discussed in previous meetings.

Trustee Harris asked about E1305 Staff Development - \$2,000, Interim Director explained that will be used for the entire year for a staff of 11 people. It is not much for an entire staff; development will include webinars, travel to meetings and other avenues that will be within \$2,000 allotment.

Trustee Harris asked why \$30,000 was allocated for attorney fees. President Patterson explained that the general council does not receive a full salary of \$30,000 per year.

Ms. Holmes said there must be a lack of understanding that the District uses different groups for professional services, not just one or two people. She understands the break down and believed it was a need and in line with other municipalities; maybe just more description was needed. Trustees Nesbitt, Patterson, and Ervin stated these numbers include reserve in case of emergency and room to make sure there was enough to cover the District throughout the entire fiscal year.

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Trustee Harris asked about adding STEM kits and science related programs to reinforce educational assistance for the children. Harris provided information for databases and materials she requests be added to the library's collection. Interim Director accepted the request and will work on adding STEM programming for youth and teen services.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Price made a motion to adjourn the public hearing and was seconded by Trustee Nesbitt.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mauzkie Ervin, Jerlene Harris, Tamika Price, JoAnn Nesbitt, and
Roberta Patterson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Meeting Adjourned.