MORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
July 16, 2025

BUDGET HEARING
The Annual Budget and Appropriations Hearing was held on July 16, 2025 at 4:20 pm. There being no appearance for public comment, the hearing was closed at 4:30 pm.

ROLL CALL
The Morton Public Library District Board meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm. Director Williams and board members Turner, Gryl, Hilliard, Riesberg, Mousty and Thompson were present. Ropp was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

MINUTES
The minutes from the June 11, 2025 Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Treasurer Gryl delivered the Treasurer's Report. A $225,000 CD at Better Banks came due. Gryl combined this amount with $100,000 from the Better Banks Investments account to purchase a $325,000 3-month CD at 4.19% interest. Amanda Miller is the new contact at Better Banks. A MCB CD will also come due this month and Gryl will address that. The Board reviewed the final quarterly Revenue and Expenditure of the fiscal year. Areas that were over budget include periodicals which continue to be relevant, building improvement due to furniture purchase, and postage and printing related to summer reading and the newsletter. **Turner moved and Riesburg seconded that the July bills be paid. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously.**

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Invoices Paid		$68,537.18
Ameren Illinois		813.77
I3 Broadband		396.63
Morton Utilities		305.44
Total Bills:		$70,053.02
Director		7,620.64
Staff		41,340.28
Payroll Total:		$48,960.92
Employer IMRF		$4,965.06
Employer FICA		$ 3,745.57

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
The board considered whether to continue preliminary discussions about building improvements/expansion. The board directed Williams to explore options about a future

partnership. Summer Reading participation has increased, in particular Adult Summer Reading which was up by 80 participants.

NEW BUSINESS

Turner moved and Mousty seconded a motion to approve the revisions to the Board Bylaws, the only change being that the regular board meeting date will fall on the third Wednesday of the month. The motion carried unanimously.

Hilliard moved and Gryl seconded to approve Ordinance No. 25-2 establishing the board meeting dates for the upcoming fiscal year. The motion carried unanimously.

Turner moved and Riesberg seconded to approve the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 25-1. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the auditor engagement letter for this year's audit. Gryl has reviewed the matter. The Board has been satisfied with Ginoli's work, and the increase in fees is nominal. **Gryl moved and Mousty seconded to approve the Auditor Engagement Letter. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Board reviewed the proposals for a culture consultant pursuant to the strategic plan and weighed the different approaches, costs and projected outcomes. **Gryl moved and Mousty seconded to table the issue pending investigation into other potential resources. The motion carried unanimously.**

OTHER BUSINES

Legislative update will be tabled until August.

Trustee Training Webinar will be tabled until August.

Director Williams noted that the library is looking for a part time employee.

Thompson reported that she visited the Tremont Library and although small, it had some unique features.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather W. Thompson, Secretary

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 4:30 pm.