

# **MORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**

**June 17, 2026**

## **Morton Public Library**

### **ROLL CALL**

The Morton Public Library Board meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm. Director Williams and Board members Turner, Riesberg, Klopfenstein, Mousty, Hilliard and Ropp were present. Thompson was absent.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes from the May 13, 2026 Regular Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Williams provided a 2025 financial update including capital projects which included new furniture for the Discharge Area and new tables and chairs for the Reuling Room. Mousty continues to seek the best rates for CDs that will mature in the next weeks.

**Mousty moved and Ropp seconded that the June bills be paid. A roll call vote was held. The motion carried unanimously.**

| <b>June 2026</b>        |  |                     |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------|
| <b>Invoices Paid</b>    |  | <b>\$ 46,211.21</b> |
| <b>Ameren Illinois</b>  |  | <b>\$ 340.65</b>    |
| <b>I3 Broadband</b>     |  | <b>\$ 389.98</b>    |
| <b>Morton Utilities</b> |  | <b>\$ 406.70</b>    |
| <b>Total Bills:</b>     |  | <b>\$ 47,348.54</b> |
| <b>Director</b>         |  | <b>\$ 7,245.46</b>  |
| <b>Staff</b>            |  | <b>\$ 42,033.93</b> |
| <b>Payroll Total:</b>   |  | <b>\$ 49,279.39</b> |
| <b>Employer IMRF</b>    |  | <b>\$ 4,693.28</b>  |
| <b>Employer FICA</b>    |  | <b>\$ 3,769.87</b>  |

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Williams shared information from the Spokane and Fondulac libraries that updated their Hoopla Services to cut expenses. Both reported minimal negative feedback from patrons. Williams provided feedback from attending the International Public Library Fundraising Conference including ideas for 2027 campaigns and how to expand engagement with current and future patrons and donors.

Williams provided the background for the current Meeting Room Policy and explained current challenges. The board discussed options to alleviate the issues. Williams will draft an updated policy. Williams provided an update regarding 2026 Goals progress.

## NEW BUSINESS

Williams and Mousty presented the 2026 Fiscal Year draft budget for board review and discussion. There are no significant changes in the 2026 Fiscal Year draft budget. The board will review the final Levy Ordinance for approval at the July meeting.

The board reviewed Meeting Ordinance No. 26-2. The September meeting will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Ordinance will be reviewed for approval at the July meeting. The board reviewed the Investment of Public Funds Policy and the Special Reserve Fund Policy, and no changes were made to either policy.

Williams provided information related to the Non-Resident Card Fee and participation.

**After discussion, Ropp moved and Mousty seconded to approve the Non-Resident Card fee to \$148. The motion carried unanimously.**

The board reviewed the Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use in the Workplace Policy.

**After discussion, Klopfenstein moved and Turner seconded to approve the Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use in the Workplace Policy. The motion carried unanimously.**

The board discussed the site visits to the Normal and Bloomington Public Libraries.

The board reviewed the Architect Request for Qualifications document. **After discussion, Hilliard moved and Ropp seconded to approve the Architect Request for Qualifications as presented in the board packet and further amended in the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Emily Ropp submitted her resignation effective at the end of the June 17, 2026 meeting. After discussion, the board appointed Allison L. Schieferle-Uhlenbrock to fill the vacant trustee position. **Turner moved and Klopfenstein seconded to approve Allison L. Schieferle-Uhlenbrock to fill the vacant trustee position. The motion carried unanimously.**

## OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracy S. Hilliard, Vice President

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 4:30 pm.