

WILMETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Draft of Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 11:00 am via Zoom

Committee Members: Trustees Sommer (chair), Fishman, O'Keefe, Riddle, McDonald (ex-officio)

Committee Members Electronically Present: Trustees Sommer, Fishman, O'Keefe, Riddle, McDonald

Committee Members Absent: none

Other WPLD Trustees Present: Trustees Nealon, Wolf

WPLD Staff Present: Anthony Auston (Director), John Risko (Finance Manager)

Visitors Present: Mary Lawlor, Liz Seager (League of Women Voters-Wilmette)

Meeting Notice. An Open Meeting notice was posted on the front door of the library, on the WPLD website and calendar, and on the WPLD legal bulletin board at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Call to Order and Roll Call. The Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00am and Director Auston called the roll.

Public Comment. Wilmette Mary Lawlor spoke to the tax levy, the modelling that trustees have used to determine the levy, the reasons considered for increasing or decreasing the levy, and requested that trustees make sure they have an understanding and rationale for their decisions to ensure fiscal responsibility.

Minutes of June 9, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting. Trustee McDonald moved approval as presented.

Trustee Fishman seconded the motion.

Aye – Sommer, Fishman, O'Keefe, Riddle, McDonald

Nay – None

Abstain – None

Absent – None

Motion Carried by Committee Members.

Review Draft Proposed Levy for Tax Year 2021. Copies of the draft levy for Tax Year 2021, modelling scenarios, and supplemental 2013-2020 Financial and Tax Levy Data were provided to Board members prior to the meeting. Trustee Sommer and Director Auston provided an overview of the documents and the historical basis for this year's proposed flat 0% increase recommendation. Trustees discussed the proposal and expressed unanimous support for the draft levy as presented. The Committee recommended presenting the proposed draft levy for Tax Year 2021 at the October 19, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees. Trustees plan to receive the FY20-21 annual financial audit at the October Regular Meeting, where they will continue discussion of the proposed draft levy. The Board will officially vote on the proposed levy at the November 16, 2021 Regular Meeting.

New Business/Old Business. None.

Schedule a Committee Meeting. The Finance Committee did not schedule another meeting at this time.

Adjourn the Committee Meeting. Trustee Fishman moved adjournment. Trustee McDonald seconded the motion.

Motion Carried by voice vote of Committee Members.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13pm, and was recorded.

Attachments: Draft Proposed Levy for Tax Year 2021.