

Library Board Meeting
Budget & Appropriation Hearing
August 14, 2023

1. Call to Order

President Walter Johnson called the meeting to order at 6pm. Present were board members Matthew Blaum, Emily Sprengelmeyer, Francis Beadle, Maria Rector, and Katherine Walker. Board member Allison Schoenrock was an excused absence. Librarian Jenna Diedrich was there and Tim Doser, Gloria Junge, Rick Pariser and Betsy Hansen, President of Friends of the Library.

2. New Business

Review of Draft FY 2024 Budget & Appropriation

Public comments were opened by Johnson.

Rick Pariser was a past library board member and served on several other boards. He would like to see a narrative to go with the budget. The levy needs close attention. The huge surplus could give taxpayers a break. He asked for clarification on a new structure. He departed after his comments at 6:06pm.

Gloria Junge was also a past board member and sees the board as responsible for finances. She feels the board is not functioning as required by law. She had no specificity. The times are hard economically and there is a million-dollar surplus. She is not against, but for the library. She is for the library and wants it to succeed. She asked about when the roof was last inspected. Diedrich responded that the roof was replaced in 2007 and had a 20-year warranty.

3. Adjournment

Johnson ordered the typo of Sprengelmeyer and the date changed to be 2024 instead of 2023. Both on the first page and in the second paragraph. Adjournment was at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Walker
Secretary