

**DOWNERS GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION OF 2017 BUDGET
AUGUST 24, 2016, 6:30 P.M.
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM**

MINUTES

1. **Call to order.** President Wendee Greene called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll call.** Members present: Trustee Ed Earl, Trustee Susan Eblen, Trustee David Humphreys, Trustee Art Jaros, Trustee Thomas Read, President Wendee Greene. Absent: None.

Also present: Director Julie Milavec, Assistant Director for Support Services Sue O'Brien, Assistant Director for Public Services Bonnie Reid, PR Manager Melissa Doornbos, Friends of the Library President Joanne Hansen, Resident Sharon Downer, Resident Jonathan Graber, Resident David Rose, Resident Ed Pawlak, Resident Laurel Bowen, Resident Marge Earl, Resident Genene Murphy.

3. **Welcome to visitors.** President Greene welcomed the visitors and thanked them for their interest in the library.
4. **Public Comment.** President Greene invited comment. Resident Ed Pawlak inquired about expanded services in the budget and President Greene noted that the staff had identified areas which will be discussed during the budget consideration tonight.
5. **Presentation and Discussion of Proposed 2017 Budget and Levy.** Milavec presented a draft of fund balance, expenditure, revenue and tax impact information. Discussion ensued, including the importance of a reserve fund for capital replacements, the impact on the taxpayer of the four scenarios presented, the costs for personnel and materials in the budget, using the elimination of the bond payment as a way to fund a capital replacement plan without taxpayers seeing an increase, and the three areas in which savings may accrue (contingency, capital replacements and fund balance).

Milavec noted that a long range facilities plan and long range budget plan would allow the public to understand the need for a reserve fund for capital replacements. She also noted that 2017 will be the year to develop and begin implementation of the next Strategic Plan, and the budgets for 2018 and forward will reflect the priorities set in that Strategic Plan.

Milavec will speak with Jaros and Earl to discuss specific questions they have about the budget and funding. She will also prepare the final budget proposal for the September 28 Board Meeting.

6. **Adjournment.** President Greene adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.