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Board of Library Trustees of the Batavia Public Library District

Public Hearing

Tuesday • 16 November 2021
MEETING TOOK PLACE VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS

1. Call to Order

Trustee Russo called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. and read the following statement.

This public hearing of the Board of Library Trustees is held without a quorum of Trustees physically present and is authorized by Governor pursuant to “COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5” (16 March 2020), and the Government Emergency Administration Act (Public Act 100–0640; eff. 6/12/20).

Pursuant to said Public Act, which in part amended the Open Meetings Act, I have determined that an in-person meeting is neither practical nor prudent because of the COVID-19 disaster.

As a result, I have further determined that it is not feasible to require the physical presence of a Trustee, the Library Director, or the Library’s attorney at the regular meeting location. The minutes of this meeting will include the foregoing statement.

2. Call the Roll

Trustee Fasano read the following statement.

Pursuant to the aforementioned Government Emergency Administration Act, please note that a roll call vote is now required for all motions. Further, as I call the roll, please verify that you can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony.

Trustees Present via Electronic Means: Jennifer M. Culotta, Andrew R. Deitchman, Marianne E. Fasano, Christy L. Ford, Elizabeth P. Larson, and Daniel R. Russo

Trustees Absent: Kathryn L. Hubbard

Staff Members Present (or Registered) via Electronic Means: Director George H. Scheetz, Stephanie A. DeYoung, Michele M. Domel, Kerry K. Halter, Patricia A. Leonard, H. Joseph McKane, Kathy A. Moecher, Lisa M. Moore, Stacey L. Peterson, and Joanne C. Zillman

Visitors Present via Electronic Means: None

3. **Public Hearing:** An Ordinance Levying the Annual Taxes for Library Purposes in the Batavia Public Library District, in the Counties of Kane and DuPage, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year 2021–2022 (ORDINANCE 2021–008) (Standing Committee on Finance / Committee of the Whole)

Trustee Russo declared the public hearing open and read the following statement:—

*PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE
FOR THE BATAVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT*

Section 1. *This is a public hearing on the proposed property tax increase for the Batavia Public Library District for Tax Year 2021 (the Fiscal Year beginning 1 July 2021 and ending 30 June 2022).*

Section 2. *Pursuant to “The Truth in Taxation Act,” the Board of Library Trustees adopted “A Resolution Determining the Amount of Money Estimated to Be Necessary to Be Raised by the Tax Levy” (Resolution 2021–010) at its regular meeting on Tuesday, 19 October 2021.*

Section 3. *In accordance with Illinois Compiled Statutes, the Library District published a black-bordered “Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for the Batavia Public Library District” on Thursday, 4 November 2021. This notice was published in the Kane County Chronicle.*

Section 4. *That the corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$4,473,144.02. The proposed corporate and special purpose taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$5,911,000, which represents an increase of 32.14% over the previous year.*

Section 5. *That the property taxes extended or abated for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 were \$0 (zero). The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 are \$0 (zero), which represents a change of 0.00% from the previous year.*

Section 6. *That the total property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$4,473,144.02. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$5,911,000, which represents an increase of 32.14% over the previous year.*

Section 7. *In the published notice, persons desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district were requested to contact the Library Director. No one contacted the Library Director for this purpose; in fact, no one contacted the Library Director to discuss the proposed property tax increase. If there is any person who desires to present testimony to the taxing district, represented by this Board of Library Trustees, please step forward at this time.*

Trustee Russo invited comments from the audience. There were no comments.

Trustee Russo declared the public hearing closed.

4. **Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Larson to adjourn the public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Culotta. Roll Call: Trustee Culotta, aye; Trustee Deitchman, aye; Trustee Fasano, aye; Trustee Ford, aye; Trustee Larson, aye; Trustee Russo, aye. The motion carried, 6–0, with one member absent.

Trustee Russo declared the public hearing Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel R. Russo
President

Marianne E. Fasano
Secretary