

BRENTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL FOR QUORUM

President Ed Wright called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Present were Angela BoClair, Lori Ashmore-Ruppel, Kathy Ryan, Garry Truman, Ed Wright (President), Jeanette Oesterly (Vice President), Lynne DeVaughan (Treasurer), and Cindy Bechtel (Secretary). Absent: Kelsey Birkemper. Also present was Gina Gibbons, Library Director. A quorum was present.

President Wright stated that this is a livestream meeting on Zoom, in accordance with the MO Attorney General's office and regulations during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

AGENDA

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues relating to the Library tax levy rollback.

DISCUSSION

In our regular Board of Trustees meeting on September 6, 2020, there was a unanimous vote to roll back the Library tax levy rate by \$0.03 in each category for 2021. President Wright noted new information that this would be a 2-year rollback because the next tax assessment will be in 2021.

L. DeVaughan presented the Library's current financial status and projections for short- and long-term goals for the Library (see attached documents). Director Gibbons presented data on the tax rates for the past 10 years and discussed concerns about future expenses and reserves based on either rollback option (see attached document). A lively discussion ensued and all Trustees present offered their opinions on the rollback. Following the discussion, a motion was made by G. Truman and seconded by J. Oesterly to (1) rescind the previous decision to roll back the current tax levy and (2) continue the tax levy at the present rate. Roll call vote: E. Wright-aye, J. Oesterly-aye, L. DeVaughan-aye, C. Bechtel-aye, K. Ryan-aye, G. Truman-aye, L. Ashmore-Ruppel-aye, A. BoClair-aye. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon completion of business, a motion to adjourn was made by G. Truman and seconded by C. Bechtel. On the issue, all members voted aye and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Bechtel, Secretary