

MAUD PRESTON PALENSKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
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Call to order: Board President Ren Baldwin (City of St. Joseph) called the special meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Other board members present: Vice President Melissa Clapper (St. Joseph Township); Treasurer Jim Kodis (City of St. Joseph); Secretary Rick Ast (City of St. Joseph); Patrice Rose (St. Joseph Township); Mimi Elwell (St. Joseph Township). Barbara Thompson (City of St. Joseph). and Betty Mundy (St. Joseph Township).

Also present: Director Stephanie Masin. No members of the public were present in person or on line.

Closed session: The agenda called for action on the fiscal 2022-23 budget before going into closed session for discussion of strategy connected to negotiations. However, Baldwin said the closed session had to come first as negotiations could affect the budget.

Elwell at 6:10 p.m. moved that the board meet in closed session under section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss items related to negotiations. Kodis supported the motion, and the board voted unanimously to go into closed session.

At 6:54 p.m., Elwell, again supported by Kodis, moved to return to open session. The board in a unanimous vote approved the motion, and the board resumed its open session.

Budget: Kodis moved to approve a budget for fiscal 2022-23, and Thompson supported the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the budget.

The 2022-23 budget was set at \$807,200 as compared to a projected \$872,200 for the current fiscal year.

Adjournment: Kodis, supported by Ast, voted to adjourn the meeting. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion, and Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Ast, secretary

Next meeting: 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2022