

Harvey Public Library District's Board Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2016

Special Meeting

President Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: Mauzkie Ervin, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt, Barbara Fields
and Roberta Patterson

Absent: Jerlene Harris and Tamika Price

APPROVAL OF ABATEMENT ORDINANCE

The Financial Advisor, Melanie Shaker explains to the board what an Abatement Ordinance is and passes out two (2) memos. She states that one is for the abatement and the other is for the other item that's on the agenda. Melanie states that abatement means to reduce or cancel. Melanie states that the abatement is to reduce the amount of taxes that are collected to equal the amount of the bill.

During a brief discussion between Melanie Shaker and the board of trustees, Melanie explains the abatement process, tax collection rate, bond issues, and bond rating.

Trustee Nesbitt made a motion to approve the ordinance abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2015 to pay principal of and interest on general obligation library bonds, series 2015 of the Harvey Public Library District, of Cook County, Illinois and was seconded by Trustee Ervin.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mauzkie Ervin, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt, Barbara Fields
and Roberta Patterson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Tamika Price and Jerlene Harris

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING INCREASE IN LOSS IN COLLECTION FACTORS FOR BONDS & INTEREST FUND LEVIES

Agenda item tabled until otherwise determined.

Attorney Jarad states that the board would take a look at whether they should increase loss in collection with the county. She states that this is something that Melanie would assist the district with.

President Patterson asked the question, if Melanie would let the board know when to look at the loss in collection rate in the future.

Melanie Shaker answers with, yes.

Trustee Whitaker asked, what time of the year should this be determined?

Melanie Shaker states that the abatement needs to be filed by April 1st of each year and you should consider an Abatement Ordinance before your March Board Meeting. She states that the Loss in Collection you only do if you feel that your collections aren't up to standard. Melanie states that it's not a routine matter but the Abatement Ordinance is done every year and should be addressed in the months of January or February, and March at the latest.

President Patterson made a motion to table the resolution directing an increase in loss of collection factors for bonds & interest fund levies for another time and was seconded by Trustee Whitaker.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mauzkie Ervin, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt, Barbara Fields and Roberta Patterson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Tamika Price and Jerlene Harris

Motion Carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Remarks Limited to 3 Minutes)

Mr. Nunn states that item three (3) on the agenda, the Approval of Abatement Ordinance. He asked, by that being an ordinance is there a way he could get a copy of what was voted on?

President Patterson states that he could get a copy. She states that everything that's voted on in the library at these meetings is part of public record and as soon as our director gets everything organized you could have a copy of it.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Nesbitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26pm and was seconded by President Patterson.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mauzkie Ervin, William Whitaker, JoAnn Nesbitt, Barbara Fields and Roberta Patterson

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Jerlene Harris and Tamika Price

Meeting Adjourned.