

Monday, October 2, 2023

5:15 PM
AGENDA

E.D. Locke Public Library

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND COMMUNICATION
 - a. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Library Board for items that are on or not on the agenda. Meeting attendees wishing to address the Board about items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the Board should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. When you are called upon to speak, state your name, address, and provide your comments to the Board for their consideration. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to hcox@mcfarlandlibrary.org to be included as part of the meeting.
3. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes of the September 5 and September 19, 2023 meetings.
 - b. Motion to approve the September invoices
4. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - a. Budget Update
 - b. Director's Report
 - c. Monthly Statistical Report
 - d. Community Center
5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
 - a. 2024 Dates Closed
 - b. McFarland Community Festival
 - c. Resolution Approving Amendment to Dane County Standards for Public Libraries
 - d. Endorsement of Option one for the Mcfarland Community Center Letter
6. ADJOURNMENT

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VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Library Board Minutes

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 - 5:15 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ken Machtan called the Library Board to order at 5:15 p.m. the E.D. Locke Public Library, meeting room 103.

Members present: Luke Fessler, Evan Richards, Ken Machtan, Staci Fritz, Peter Sobol, Karin Mandli

Members not present: Mona Nelson

Staff Present: Heidi Cox, Library Director

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3. ACTION ITEMS

- a. *Motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2023 meeting.*
Motion by Member Evan Richards, second by Member Staci Fritz, to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2023 meeting. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 1 by acclamation, with Karin Mandli abstaining.
- b. *Motion to approve the August invoices*
Motion by Member Peter Sobol, second by Member Karin Mandli, to approve the August invoices Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. *Budget Update*
- b. *Director's Report*
- c. *Monthly Statistical Report*
- d. *Community Center*

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. *Strategic Plan*
Motion by Member Peter Sobol, second by Member Evan Richards, to approve the

Library Strategic Plan 2024-2029 Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

b. 2024 Budget

c. Electrical system study

Motion by Member Karin Mandli, second by Member Staci Fritz, to table Electrical system study Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Karin Mandli, second by Member Staci Fritz, to adjourn at 5:57

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin boards in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Cox
Library Director

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Library Board Minutes

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 - 5:15 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ken Machtan called the Library Board to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Municipal Center Training Room.

Members present: Evan Richards, Ken Machtan, Staci Fritz, Peter Sobol, Karin Mandli

Members not present: Mona Nelson, Luke Fessler

Staff Present: Heidi Cox, Library Director; Matt Schuenke, Village Administrator

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND COMMUNICATION

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Presentation and discussion regarding long term financial plan for facility improvements.

Village Administrator Matt Schuenke gave an overview of the village's finances, including debt capacity. The Library Board asked asked for an updated presentation annually.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Evan Richards, second by Member Staci Fritz, to adjourn at 6:17

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin boards in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Cox
Library Director

E. D. Locke Public Library

September 2023 Invoices

Vendor	Sum of Amount
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$898.93
ARAMARK	\$236.60
CORPORATE BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$39.76
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$180.49
HJ PERTZBORN	\$85.00
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	\$1,925.97
MCFARLAND ACE HARDWARE	\$44.59
MICROMARKETING LLC	\$430.43
NASSCO	\$140.39
PELLITTERI	\$55.86
RACHEL ARNDT CONSULTING	\$3,800.00
Grand Total	\$7,838.02

2023 Budget Update

REVENUES									
		Budget Amount	July Actual	August Estimated	September Estimated	YTD Actual	% of Budget total	% to hit target	amount it should be to hit target
Property Tax	41000	\$ 733,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 733,000.00	100.00%		
County Library Aids	43000	\$ 327,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 327,540.80	100.01%		
Library Fines	45000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41.75	\$ -	\$ 42.35			
Interest	48100	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,627.67	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 22,895.70	1144.79%	75%	
Library Fees	46000	\$ 1,500	\$ 61.11	\$ 670.38	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,716.28	181.09%	75%	\$ 1,125.00
		\$ 1,064,000.00	\$ 3,688.78	\$ 2,712.13	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,086,195.13	102.09%	75%	
Expenditures									
Salaries	110	\$410,000.00	\$ 49,940.28	\$ 31,325.30	\$ 31,359.37	\$286,369.61	69.85%	75%	\$ 307,500.00
Part-time	120	\$204,750	\$ 19,050.63	\$ 11,616.59	\$ 12,489.33	\$120,528.75	58.87%	75%	\$ 153,562.50
Health Insurance	130	\$112,000	\$ 14,606.06	\$ 9,522.04	\$ 4,615.60	\$80,527.81	71.90%	75%	
Retirement	131	\$34,000	\$ 3,901.99	\$ 2,539.94	\$ 2,564.67	\$23,693.76	69.69%	75%	\$ 25,500.00
SS/Medicare	132	\$47,000	\$ 4,832.85	\$ 3,124.51	\$ 3,258.88	\$29,574.91	62.93%	75%	
Other Benefits	135	\$2,500	\$ 117.13	\$ 90.87	\$ 45.44	\$800.50	32.02%	75%	
Expense Reimbursement	141	\$ 250				\$0.00		75%	
Total Personnel		\$810,500.00	\$92,448.94	\$58,219.25	\$54,333.29	\$541,495.34	66.81%	75%	\$ 607,875.00
Support Services	210	\$ 8,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,495.00	158.76%	75%	\$ 6,375.00
Consulting Services	211	\$ 48,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,867.56	103.89%	75%	\$ 36,000.00
Utilities	220	\$ 36,000	\$2,580.56	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$ 27,653.32	76.81%	75%	\$ 27,000.00
Communication	221	\$ 4,750	\$536.27	\$446.82	\$3,800.00	\$ 7,675.83	161.60%	75%	\$ 3,562.50
Equipment Maintenance	240	\$ 9,000	\$254.85	\$462.54	\$39.76	\$ 5,338.17	59.31%	75%	\$ 6,750.00
Facility Maintenance	242	\$ 23,250	\$877.66	\$4,115.04	\$413.26	\$ 15,902.29	68.40%	75%	
Other Contractual Services	290	\$ -				\$ -	0.00%	75%	\$ 17,437.50
Total Services		\$ 129,500.00	\$ 4,249.34	\$ 8,024.40	\$ 7,253.02	\$ 119,932.17	92.61%	75%	\$ 97,125.00
Office Supplies	310	\$ 9,000	\$ 525.86	\$ 1,124.63	\$ 180.96	\$ 6,135.37	68.17%	75%	\$ 6,750.00
Postage	311	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 8.15	\$ -	\$ 26.16	10.46%	75%	\$ 187.50
Dues	320	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 384.00	76.80%	75%	\$ 375.00
Meeting Expenses	330	\$ 1,000	\$ 49.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 548.53	54.85%	75%	\$ 750.00
Training Expenses	331	\$ 3,250	\$ 1,983.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,619.35	111.36%	75%	\$ 2,437.50
Operating Supplies	340	\$ 5,500	\$ 282.87	\$ 776.10	\$ -	\$ 1,897.67	34.50%	75%	\$ 4,125.00
Technology	342	\$ 28,750	\$ 61.77	\$ 2,051.91	\$ -	\$ 14,761.36	51.34%	75%	\$ 21,562.50
Collection - Print	344	\$ 55,000	\$ 3,471.66	\$ 4,224.09	\$ 1,925.97	\$ 38,839.48	70.62%	75%	\$ 41,250.00
Collection - AV	345	\$ 12,500	\$ 1,104.80	\$ 1,013.98	\$ 980.15	\$ 8,254.75	66.04%	75%	\$ 9,375.00
Library Miscellaneous	390	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105.80	42.32%	75%	
Programming	391	\$ 8,000	\$ 606.20	\$ 467.37	\$ (888.02)	\$ 4,153.71	51.92%	75%	\$ 6,000.00
Other Total		\$ 124,000.00	\$ 8,085.94	\$ 9,666.23	\$ 2,199.06	\$ 78,726.18	63.49%	75%	\$ 93,000.00
Total Budget		\$1,064,000.00	\$ 104,784.22	\$ 75,909.88	\$ 63,785.37	\$ 740,153.69	69.56%	75%	\$ 798,000.00



E.D. LOCKE PUBLIC LIBRARY
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
October 2023

September Highlights

- **Village News** - Luke Fessler will give an update
- **Friends** – Staci Fritz will give an update
- **Endowment** – The total in endowment funds since 8/31/2023 is \$180,120.30. We had no donations this month.
- **McFarland Community Festival** –
 - **Library Activities**
 - Farm to Table – We sold 63 tickets for the dinner and received a lot of compliments on the event.
 - The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Quinn Leonard who donated his winnings (\$480) back to the Friends of the Library.
 - 5K – 94 people participated in the 5K.
 - Kids Games – Abby held games for kids from 12-4 on Saturday. Her teen volunteers will be helping with the games. Teens raised over \$200 for teen programs selling ice cream Sundaes on Saturday afternoon.
- **Library Facilities Management**
 - **HVAC** –
 - We have seen a vast improvement in the HVAC since the project began. The project is 90% complete. The punch list for the project is:
 - The work on the meeting room side has been delayed until the week of October 9th. The week they were scheduled to complete the work, the temperatures were forecasted to be in the 90s and they didn't want to take out the AC with it being so hot.
 - Return vents need to be installed in the YS Librarian's office. This will help improve the airflow. Right now it gets stuffy in their office.
 - Outside of our boiler project we have two issues:
 - JM Brennan is looking into getting new covers for the condensing unit outside. The coils on the unit fill with cottonwood in the summer if they aren't cleaned weekly, the unit overheats and shuts down. The new covers will slow the buildup down.
 - **Electrical/Lighting**
 - I have a quote from Hill Electric to replace the lighting control panel. I am going to get one more. The quotes will be on the October agenda.
 - I have met with an Electrical Engineer to talk about looking at the power surge protection in the building.
 - **Shelving/Furniture**
 - We're working on picking out the laminate for the shelving endcaps for the picture book shelving. Heather and Amy are working on a workflow for changing the picture books from being alphabetized by author to being grouped by subject.
 - The quote for the curved shelving for the Children's area has been signed. That shelving should arrive in October.
 - I have signed the quote to get a few benches reupholstered. They are the last few remaining pieces that needed to be recovered.
 - **Personnel**
 - We're in the process of hiring a new Adult Services Library Assistant and a Youth Services Library Assistant. If the candidates accept their offers, they will start the week of October 9th.

Youth Services (Heather Kent)

Storytime:

Storytime returned this month with Toddler Monday, Baby Bounce, and Little Bodies Big Feelings. People were ready to be back. This fall Heather is also incorporating a power point schedule in her programming to help families follow along and have lyrics to sing along. Baby Bounce has also added a 10:30 session for littles that need a later time to visit the library.

Programming:

Zumbini Session 1: Kalino Finds the Music started up this month with two very full classes and long waiting lists. The 9:30 session registration filled in 5 minutes. Lots of fun singing, dancing, and playing.

The Magic Tree House book club started back up with an introduction meeting. There are several kindergarten aged students who were very excited about finally being able to join the book club their siblings have been in. For the craft, students were challenged to create their own tree house models out of various materials.

Programming resumed in Cottage Grove with Heather going every Friday to do programming. We are rotating storytime with Zumbini. Attendance has been good and many families are also checking out books that we bring with us.

Other

On September 23rd we had the 2nd Annual "On Your Bookmark...GO!" 5k Run/Walk with kid's dash. This year we had 94 people registered this year which is good considering the many events going on over the weekend. Stacktrace Music provided DJ services, Kwik Trip provided Donuts and Bananas, and Grace Coffee had coffee for participants. We also had some great local sponsors including Anue Spa, Avant Gardening and Landscaping, The Dog Hut, and Madison Pediatric Dental & Orthodontics. Many families said they were looking forward to doing the event again in the future.



Teen Services (Abby Seymour)

A teacher from McFarland High School, Toni Moore, reached out to me to ask if all the 9th grade classes could visit the library. We've been able to make this work in the past and I was glad it could happen again this year. Over the course of two days, seven 9th grade classes walked from the high school to the library. When the meeting room was available, the classes would head there first to hear a presentation by me. I talked about how to get the most out of your library card, tips for using LINKcat, highlighted Hoopla, and told them about upcoming events. Then the students who didn't already have a library card got their new card. The last half of the visit allowed all the students to look around the library and have an opportunity to check out books. I always ask the group if anyone is visiting the library for the first time that day and in every group, I got about 2 or 3 raised hands. This was a great way to introduce these teens to the library and all the teachers felt like the students would be more likely to come on their own, now that they know a little bit more about how the library works.

The big event this month was, of course, the McFarland Community Festival. My involvement included helping during the Farm to Table Dinner, directing runners during the 5K, and I was responsible for nearly all the social media posts about the Festival, as well as communication inside the library about the Festival such as the digital signs, posters, and a

display. The event that I was in charge of was the Kids Game Tent on Saturday afternoon in the parking lot. In this tent were free Carnival games for kids such as a pig race (aka Pork Chop Speedway), a matching ducks game, a (temporary) tattoo parlor, sucker pull, a fishing hole, a prize wheel, and various lawn games. In addition, we sold ice cream sundaes with all the toppings for \$3. We were lucky that it was a hot day and had a successful sale! Many parents commented on how much they appreciated having not only a good option for their little kids, since most of the rides were for older kids, but also that there was a free option. The stream of people was steady and constant for the entire afternoon.

Running the Kids Game Tent would not have been possible without my VolunTeens. Over the course of the afternoon, eight teens volunteered to help run the games, give out prizes, and scoop ice cream. I was especially grateful for three of those teens who stepped up at the very last minute to help out when a few other VolunTeens got sick and couldn't make it. With the addition of the ice cream sales this year, I was pulled in many different directions and it was comforting to know that I could delegate many of the tasks to my awesome volunteers

Adult Services (Sara Hendrickson) Programming:

- We had a Financial Planning Workshop on Saturday, September 9 with Marty Griffin, a local financial advisor. While there were not many in attendance, those that did come asked great questions, and continued their conversations with Marty after the event ended. Marty is interested in doing a "Basics of Investing" series. We are still working out the feasibility of this happening.
- Bridge Club is seeing growth! We are consistently getting between 8 and 12 people each time. When it was going to be cancelled due to September's Book Sale, so many of them were hoping we could find a work around that we "reserved" tables within the library for them to play. We had 11 people show up that day! Multiple patrons have said how grateful they are that we not only offer this club, but that we try to reschedule rather than cancel when issues arise.
- Project Home came on September 13 for a Fall Home Maintenance program. We had eight people in attendance. Adam gave wonderful, straightforward advice for winterizing your home.
- On September 19, we had Louis V Clark III, author and poet, visit. We had 26 in attendance! We also did a YouTube livestream for the first time. Five people watched live, and the total number of views is now up to 16. He was an amazing speaker, and did a great job connecting with the high school students that attended. This program was made possible with an EZ grant from Beyond the Page, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Madison Community Foundation.

- Ron Larson's fourth Cemetery Walking Tour was September 24. We had 28 people in attendance. Ron focused on the Veterans of McFarland. Everyone thanked Ron for a wonderful series of walks. They asked if he would do them again next summer. Ron already spoke to me about doing a program in February 2024.
- Connected with Jeff Nania's people to get an author visit set in stone. It is planned for Thursday, November 9.
- Created marketing for the next Family Board Game Day, Flu Vaccine Clinic, Becoming Kin Community Read, Badger Talk with Dorothea Salo, and Abbott and Costello double feature: flyers, website, TV display slides, Facebook, and Instagram.
- Sent adult programming information to the Outlook, the Thistle, Senior Outreach, McFarland Communications Department, Nextdoor McFarland, McFarland's Community & Economic Development Specialist, and the Town Planner.

Collections & Other Services:

- Met with a patron to assist with learning how to sell items online and determining which websites are the safest.
- Met with Mona Nelson to get some resource ideas for a French-speaking patron.
- Met a new member of the community who speaks French and is looking for help with computer/English language skills. Began meeting with her on a weekly basis to teach typing skills and work through Transparent Language lessons.
- Had a meet and greet meeting with Mona and the two French-speaking patrons. Discussed the need to get them involved within the community (Mona got them to "volunteer" at the McFarland Festival).
- Met with a patron on a weekly basis to teach basic typing skills and work through Transparent Language lessons.
- Provided proctoring session for a local patron. Will have a few more proctoring sessions over the course of the semester.
- Met with Katie from Senior Outreach to look into community quilting event

E. D. Locke Library Statistics

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	% Change
	Study Room Use													
2022	34	54	54	42	44	45	84	60	46	58	62	48	631	34%
2023	56	55	73	61	54	63	96	110	31				599	29%
	65%	2%	35%	45%	23%	40%	14%	83%	-33%	-100%	-100%	-100%		
	Notary Services													
2022	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	
2023	5	3	3	0	2	2	2	3	2					

E. D. Locke Library Statistics

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	% Change		Circ per \$	70%		
Checkouts																			
2021	7,780	7,568	8,251	7,849	11,344	16,211	15,275	14,370	12,140	12,864	12,076	11,978	137,706	52%	12,519	\$ 6.97	\$ 4.88		
2022	12,686	12,362	14,023	13,121	12,498	15,731	15,213	15,322	13,172	12,700	12,895	12,124	161,847	18%	15,126	\$ 6.18	\$ 4.33		
2023	13,998	12,535	14,717	12,412	10,573	15,193	15,367	15,186					109,981	-1%	10,279	\$ 11.82	\$ 8.27		
% change month to month	10%	1%	5%	-5%	-15%	-3%	1%	-1%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%							
New Library Cards																			
2022	47	41	45	57	60	113	97	58	73	57	50	29	727	52%					
2023	42	58	62	48	34	69	83	62					458	-12%					
	-11%	41%	38%	-16%	-43%	-39%	-14%	7%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%							
visitor count																			
2022	11,264	12,148	15,779	13,842	16,998	24,974	22876	23,756	21654	18657	18404	16997	217,349	342%					
2023	17,884	16,809	22,142	19,145	16,238	24,741	24,138	23,701					164,798	16%					

Closed Dates 2024

New Year's Day - Monday, Jan. 1, 2024
Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Monday, January 15 2024
Easter – Sunday, March 31, 2024*
Staff In-Service Day – Wednesday, April 17, 2024
Memorial Day - Monday, May 27, 2023
Juneteenth – Wednesday, June 19, 2024
Independence Day - Thursday, July 4, 2024
Labor Day - Monday September 2, 2024
Indigenous Peoples' Day – Monday, October 14, 2024
Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 28, 2024
Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December. 24, 2024*
Christmas Day -Wednesday, December 25, 2024
New Year's Eve Tuesday, Dec 31, 2025 (Close at 5:30)
Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025*

*Full-time staff get a floating holiday.

If New Year's Eve falls on Monday – Thursday the library closes at 5:30.

Resolution Approving Amendment to Dane County Standards for Public Libraries

Whereas the Dane County Board of Supervisors has established the County Library Board as the County Library Planning Committee as required by Section 43.11, Wisconsin Statutes, and

Whereas Section 43.11(3)(d) of the Wisconsin Statutes states that the plan of library services for a county may include standards of operation for public libraries in the county, and

Whereas, the Dane County Library Board is proposing Resolution 149, 2023 to the Dane County Board of Supervisors to amend the standards to do the following:

- Include requirement to provide WiFi access to patrons;
- Consider self-check, automated handling systems toward the FTE standard;
- Reduce requirement of total Internet access computers by 2/3;
- Eliminate total items and items added requirements to allow libraries to make decisions about how they spend collection dollars in response to their community needs.

Whereas Section 43.11(3)(d) requires that such standards be approved by the public library boards of at least 50% of the participating municipalities in the county that contain at least 80% of the population of participating municipalities in the county prior to adoption by the County Board of Supervisors,

Now, therefore be it resolved that the [REDACTED] Library Board hereby approves the amendment as proposed in Resolution 149, 2023 amending Dane County Library Standards.

Now, therefore be it further resolved that a confirmed copy of this resolution be forwarded by this Library Board to:

Dane County Library Board
1874 S Stoughton Rd
Madison, WI 53716

Date Passed: [REDACTED]

Vote: [REDACTED]

Authorized Signature

Title of Person signing



**E. D. LOCKE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**
McFarland, Wisconsin

October 2, 2023

Village of McFarland Board of Trustees
Village of McFarland Municipal Center
5915 Milwaukee Street
McFarland, WI 53558

RE: ENDORSEMENT OF OPTION ONE FOR THE MCFARLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

Dear President Clow and Trustees:

It is our understanding you will be making funding and construction decisions on a possible McFarland Community Center in the very near future. We very much appreciate inclusion of space for a branch library in both plan options, given our space restrictions at the current E.D. Locke McFarland Public Library.

We are respectfully requesting the Village Board adopt Option One (no second story) for the following reasons:

- Proposed debt levels the village will incur, due to this project and the very expensive Public Safety Building, will likely extend the time frame for any library expansion beyond what we believe will currently be a minimum of ten years;
- Competition for limited future funding from other taxing entities such as the school district and Dane County could also delay a library expansion;
- Reduced overall public funding if an economic recession occurs;
- Increasing village tax bills, and the taxpayers' ability to pay, is a growing concern we hear expressed in the village; and,
- A dwindling of public support for all village spending after the final cost of both the Public Safety Center and Community Center projects is realized by McFarland taxpayers.

As you may know, the current library was designed and built with the plan that a second story could be added in the future as space requirements increased. It has taken us nearly twenty years to reach the point of needing substantially more space and we believe the Community Center will likely face the same growth pattern. At that point, an additional story could be added similar to what is planned for the library-which we know already has enormous support and usage from the community. A new Community Center has yet to show how well it will be received by the public.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

E.D. Locke McFarland Public Library Board of Trustees

_____ Ken Machtan, President
_____ Evan Richards, Vice President & Town of Dunn member
_____ Peter Sobol, Secretary Treasurer
_____ Luke Fessler, Village Board Trustee
_____ Karin Mandli, McFarland School District Representative
_____ Stacy Fritz, Citizen Member
_____ Mona Nelson, Citizen Member

Date Signed: _____