

Perry Public Library
Board of Trustees
Public Budget Hearing
May 24, 2023

Attendance: David Shearing, Jessica DeMarte (Director), Barb Glenn, Stacey Muolo, Virginia Winter, Bethany Zerbe (President), Lorie Ames

Absent: Sandy Lawrence

President Bethany Zerbe called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

President Zerbe then introduced Director DeMarte to present the budget for the 2024 fiscal year.

The purpose of this budget hearing is to discuss an increase in the tax levy for the 2024 budget year.

Director DeMarte then explained funding for the library including grants as well as the tax levy. The tax levy is collected by the school district but the Library Board determines how that funding is distributed. She also discussed the impacts of minimum wage increases and the increased cost of services. A copy of the proposed budget was available to all persons who attended the hearing.

Director DeMarte also informed those in attendance of the make-up of the Board of Trustees and how to become a member. There are 2 open seats coming up at the June 6, 2023 election and the candidates are Sandra Lawrence and Barbara Glenn.

Eleanor Jacobs asked about the budget for books.

Virginia Winter made a motion to adjourn at 6:41 PM. Lorie Ames seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Glenn, Secretary