

**NILES PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2006**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order in the Computer Room at 6960 Oakton in Niles, Illinois, by Mr. Dennis O'Donovan at 7:01 p.m. Present were: Mr. O'Donovan, Mr. Patrick Cross, Mr. Morgan Dubiel, Ms. Barbara Nakanishi, and Ms. Maureen Polcyn. Mr. Fred Kudert and Mr. Dan Vonder Heide had given previous notice.

Also present were: Mr. Cary Czarnecki, Library Administrator; Mr. Mike O'Keefe, Business Manager; and Ms. Linda Weiss, Library Services Manager.

Discussion of 2006-07 Budget

Mr. O'Keefe began by pointing out that for this fiscal year we will have a revenue surplus of approximately \$246,000. Regarding expenditures, we will be \$8,500 below budget.

For FY 2006-07, Mr. O'Keefe said that revenues are budgeted for \$6,472,825 and expenditures for \$5,681,914, providing a surplus of \$790, 911.

Mr. Dubiel suggested that income for next year's budget be limited to 4%.

Mr. O'Keefe replied that the budget draft presented included income of approximately \$800,000 made possible by the passage of the 2003 tax referendum.

Mr. Czarnecki added that if we chose not to take advantage of income that was made possible by the 2003 referendum, then it would increase the possibility that we would have to try to pass another referendum much sooner than we needed to. He thought that this would not be well-received by the taxpayers in the library district.

Mr. Cross suggested that if anything new was added to the budget to increase spending, then something else should be taken away.

Mr. O'Donovan, Ms. Nakanishi and Ms. Polcyn stated that they were open to the budget draft that was presented and wanted to hear from Mr. Kudert and Mr. Vonder Heide regarding this matter.

The committee agreed that another meeting should be scheduled prior to the Board Meeting on June 21.

Mr. Dubiel asked if his suggestion about contacting the chief of the Niles Police Department following the recent news of an incident in the library had been acted upon. Mr. Czarnecki replied that he had contacted Chief Strezelecki about this matter but had not heard back from him yet.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.