President Gordon Butler called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Deanna Amann, Gordon Butler, Nancy Hackett, Christine Siegel, Adam Woodworth, and Victor Zack. Board member absent: Gayle Crompton.

Staff present: Scott Pointon and Beverly Krakovec

PUBLIC COMMENTS -- none.

MINUTES
Nancy Hackett moved to approve the August 25, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Adam Woodworth seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE --none

TREASURER’S REPORT
Treasurer Victor Zack read the Treasurer’s Report for August 2015. Cash on hand as of August 1, 2015 was $2,552,811.54. Income as of August 31, 2015 was $195,195.83. Disbursements as of August 31, 2015 were $312,258.34. Transfers and adjustments —none. Cash on hand as of August 31, 2015 was $2,435,749.03. The Bond Levy Account had funds of $556,957.78 as of August 31, 2015.


Personal Property Replacement Tax received to date totaled $99,138.08. The Lockport Township estimate for FY 2014-2015 has not yet been received.

2014 Levy Real Estate Distributions and Interest received to date was $5,102,489.58. Percent received to date is 92.214%.

Current interest rates for money market accounts as of September 22, 2015 are as follows: Harris Bank—0.100%, Illinois Funds—0.038%, MB Financial Bank—0.200%.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
In addition to his written report, Scott Pointon stated the District has created a new section on our website where all vendors can utilize a fill-in form to submit their information. We constantly receive many emails and phone calls and in-person visits from sales people hoping to do business with the District. The new fill-in form will provide the District with all interested vendors information. Then when we do seek a particular service/product, we can consider all the vendors in an equal manner at the same time.
The District has formed a website committee with the goal of revamping our website to both simplify and par down the front page of the site.

Scott Pointon discussed how the State’s continuing budget crisis is affecting libraries. There is a strong possibility the lack of a passed State budget will prevent libraries from receiving Per Capita Grant funds. The District would normally anticipate nearly $100,000 for its Per Capita Grant.

OLD BUSINESS
BUILDING UPDATES
Scott Pointon, the Facilities Manager, Head Custodian, and the relevant Branch Managers did a “walk-through” of their respective buildings noting issues that need attention. This practice will occur about once per month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Real Property – none needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel—none needed.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE FUNDING NEEDS
The Board reviewed data on Cook and Will Counties’ library tax rates. Everyone agreed some type of rate increase is needed by the District to sustain the District’s current level of operations and expand services to meet the 2015-2019 Strategic Plans.

If the District did want to seek a tax increase, the Board would have to approve an ordinance in December to have the question on the March 2016 ballot.

NEW BUSINESS
2 MILS LEVY ORDINANCE #2015-163
The Board reviewed the ordinance.

SERVING OUR PUBLIC 3.0: Personnel
The Board reviewed the standards in question and determined the District is in compliance.

ADJOURNMENT
Christine Siegel moved for adjournment at 8:15 p.m. Victor Zack seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.