Auburn Hills Public Library Board of Trustees

Budget Hearing

APPROVED MINUTES

Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Location: 3400 E. Seyburn Drive, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326 (248) 370-9466

1. Call to Order: President Schie calls the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call by Trustee Barnes: Trustee Schie, Trustee Borucki, Trustee Barnes, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Matthews.

Trustee Bossert absent.

Guests: 0

Also present: Director Kwiatkowski and Stenographer Barney

3. Approval of draft agenda by President Schie

Trustee Matthews moves that the draft agenda be approved as presented, and Trustee Reynolds seconds.

VOTE: YES: Trustee Schie, Trustee Borucki, Trustee Barnes, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Matthews.

NO: NONE MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

4. Call to the Public: no members of the public requested to be heard.

5. Review and discussion of the 2027 budget and levies

Estimated Revenue Highlights:

- Ad Valorem: Property taxes are expected to increase by 2.9% or $62,336 based on millage levels.
- Local Community Stabilization Share: The Library is expected to receive $274,570 based on City estimates.
- Revenue from State Aid: The Library is expected to receive $26,478 in state aid for 2027 based on $.543488 per capita.

Estimated expenditures include a 4.19% average salary increase and a 3.66% average hourly increase per staff member, which includes planned promotions; a 4% increase in the Library's building lease; and a 26% increase in the rising cost of employee benefits.

[Trustee Bossert arrived at 6:15 pm.]

Director Kwiatkowski presented a year-to-year and year-to-date compilation of numbers from 2023 to YTD 2026 for comparison purposes, showing steady revenue increases year-to-year.

Potential projects for 2027 include an outreach van, A/V upgrades, a vending machine library, a new phone system, and soundproof study booths. The estimated total for the 2027 projects is $357,600.

The Library's levies for 2026 will be 0.7024 (millage in perpetuity) and 0.2976 (2021 millage for 10 years).

Director Kwiatkowski reviewed the 2027 Budget Requests & Predictions through 2031.

Trustee Borucki moved to accept the Auburn Hills Public Library 2027 Budget Resolution as presented, and Trustee Matthews supported.

6. Comments from the Board – Trustee Borucki commended Director Kwiatkowski for constructing a detailed, balanced budget.

7. Adjournment: President Schie adjourned the hearing at 6:40 p.m.