Special Budget Meeting

Members Present: Socorro Clarke, Shawn Iles, Vaishali Patel, Benjamin Schapiro, Michael Tannen

Members Absent: Tori Foreman, Margaret Lurie, Leora Siegel, Sandra Smith

Staff: Karen Danczak Lyons, Paul Gottschalk

Guests: Charles Bartling

Presiding Member: Michael Tannen, President

CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF QUORUM - A quorum was present and President Tannen called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

CITIZEN COMMENT – none

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of FY2017 Proposed Base, Adjustment, and Capital Budgets

Library Director Karen Danczak Lyons described the important elements of the three parts of the Library’s proposed budget for FY2017. The base budget includes and 8% increase in collection expenditures, primarily for electronic resources. Several essential staffing adjustments are proposed including the addition of a part-time Children’s Assistant and a Shelver in Circulation. Additional mobile hotspots would be dedicated to Evanston Township High students. The proposed base budget is a 2.2% increase over 2016.

The proposed adjustment budget includes the addition of a full-time, grant funded Social Worker (beginning in July 2017), a reading specialist to optimize literacy services, a part-time project/data manager to help raise non-tax revenue and funds for a summer learning/recreation portal. The annual tax bill for a homeowner with a house valued at $350,000 would increase by $9.53 per year if the base and adjustment budget were adopted.

The proposed capital budget was introduced. The budget includes the first phase of two significant projects, the interior renovation of the Main Library and the construction of the branch library at the Robert Crown Center. Engineering design for a generator at the Main Library is proposed. The remaining projects are planned improvements recommended in the building reserve study.
ADJOURNMENT – Vaishali Patel motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Socorro Clarke. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vaishali Patel, Secretary

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm Evanston Public Library, Board Room.