

**BARTLETT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
September 24, 2018**

The Public Hearing for the Budget & Appropriation Hearing meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Barry.

**ROLL CALL:** Present were Trustees Dave Barry, John Sias, Fran Byron, Lynn DeSmidt, Eric Shipman, Peggy Bucaro. Trustee Heidi Hopkins was absent.

Staff members present were Director Karolyn Nance.

Also present was patron Joseph Olsen.

**TOWN HALL:**

Patron Joseph Olsen spoke on these topics:

- **I understand the rationale behind not wanting to limit income from Tax Assessments and thus adopting Corporate & Special Tax Levies for 2018 which reflect a 4.9% increase and support this portion of the Ordinance.**
- **The Budget and Appropriation Ordinance outlined in this ordinance calls for a deficit of funds as a result of Total General Fund Expenditures and Special Fund Expenditures of \$3,577,000 which exceeds the Estimated Income of \$3,387,000 (excluding the Balance on Hand at July 1, 2018) by \$190,000.**
- **The adoption of a Budget and Appropriations Ordinance calling for an excess of Expenditures over Income at a time of declining Tax collections is not a responsible position for the Board to adopt.**
- **The Board should be looking to adopt an ordinance that at a bare minimum calls for a balance between Income and Expenditures.**
- **This ordinance fails to address the concerns of a deficit in the Corporate Fund balance.**
- **This ordinance fails to provide for the growing list of Capital Expenditure needs of the aging facilities of the Bartlett Public Library District including repairs/resurfacing of the parking lots.**
- **The Board has a responsibility to plan for the finances of the Bartlett Public Library District in a manner which ensures its long term survival in order to meet the needs of its patrons and residents of the District. There is precedents in the District of reducing both hours and staff in order to do this.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Trustee Sias mad a motion to approve the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance (2018-4). It was seconded by Trustee Bucaro. The motion passed by roll call vote. All Ayes. Trustee Hopkins was absent.

**TOWN HALL:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further comments from the public, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Shipman and was seconded by Trustee Bucaro. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.