**Ela Area Public Library District\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Board of Trustees**

**AGENDA / COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

# March 28, 2023

# 6:00 p.m. 2nd Floor Conference Room

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
4. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
5. **RECOMMENDATION FOR SITE AND BUILDING FUND LEVY ORDINANCE**

The board may levy a tax of 0.02% of the value of all the taxable property in the district for the purchase of sites and buildings, the construction and equipment of buildings, the rental of buildings required for library purposes, and maintenance, repairs, and alterations of library buildings and equipment. This levy is deposited into the Library’s “Site and Building Fund.” In any year in which the board proposes to levy the additional 0.02% tax, the board shall adopt an ordinance determining to levy the tax, which must be passed by June.

Note: use of the word “additional” in the required ordinance language is misleading, because while this levy is designated as a specific use for the Library building and equipment, these revenues are subject to PTELL and are included in the total levy amount that is legally permissible. Deciding to levy $200,000 into the Site and Building Fund means we must reduce the amount we’re levying into the other funds by $200,000.

Failure to levy into the Site and Building Fund for three consecutive years means the Library is never able to levy into that fund again, and would lead to its closure. The Library last passed a Site and Building Fund Levy in 2021, so skipping this year would mean the 2nd consecutive year. Because the language is so confusing to taxpayers – it’s literally called an “additional levy” – I do not recommend levying into it and ultimately closing the Site and Building Fund. Every expenditure from that fund can just as easily be paid via the General Fund.

1. **RECOMMENDATION FOR FY2024 WORKING BUDGET DRAFT (Document)**
2. **RECOMMENDATION FOR FY2024 SALARY BUDGET**
3. **ADJOURNMENT**