

# PAULINE HAASS PUBLIC LIBRARY

## **POLICY: Investment Policy**

Reviewed and approved by Library Board September 16, 2020

It is the policy of the Pauline Haass Public Library to invest public funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the library and conforming to all state and local statutes and any bond resolution restrictions governing the investment of public funds.

### **I. Governing Authority**

The investment program shall be operated in conformance with federal, state, and other legal requirements, including Wisconsin Statute Section 66.0603

### **II. Scope**

This policy applies to the investment of all funds.

The Pauline Haass Public Library will consolidate cash and reserve balances from all funds to maximize investment. Investment income will be allocated to the various funds based on their respective participation and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

### **III. General Objectives**

The primary objectives, in priority order, of investment activities shall be safety, liquidity, and yield:

#### *1. Safety*

Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. The objective will be to mitigate credit risk and interest rate risk.

#### *a. Credit Risk*

The Pauline Haass Public Library will minimize credit risk, which is the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issuer or backer, by:

- Limiting investments to the types of securities listed in Section VI of this Investment Policy
- Diversifying the investment portfolio so that the impact of potential losses from any one type of security or from any one individual issuer will be minimized.

#### *b. Interest Rate Risk*

The Pauline Haass Public Library will minimize interest rate risk, which is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in market interest rates, by:

- Structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity
- Investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities, money market mutual funds, or similar investment pools.

### *2. Liquidity*

The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated. This is accomplished by structuring the portfolio so that securities mature concurrent with cash needs to meet anticipated demands. Furthermore, since all possible cash demands cannot be anticipated, the portfolio should consist largely of securities with active secondary or resale markets. Alternatively, a portion of the portfolio may be placed in money market mutual funds or local government investment pools which offer same-day liquidity for short-term funds.

### *3. Yield*

The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and liquidity needs. Return on investment is of secondary importance compared to the safety and liquidity objectives described above. The core of investments is limited to relatively low risk securities in anticipation of earning a fair return relative to the risk being assumed. Securities shall generally be held until maturity with the following exceptions:

- A security with declining credit may be sold early to minimize loss of principal.
- A security swap would improve the quality, yield, or target duration in the portfolio.
- Liquidity needs of the portfolio require that the security be sold.

## **IV. Standards of Care**

### *1. Prudence*

The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the "prudent person" standard and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio. Investment officers acting in accordance with written procedures and this investment policy and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and the liquidity and the sale of securities are carried out in accordance with the terms of this policy.

The "prudent person" standard states that, "Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived."

### *2. Ethics and Conflicts of Interest*

Officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the

investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial decisions. Employees and investment officials shall disclose any material interests in financial institutions with which they conduct business. They shall further disclose any personal financial/investment positions that could be related to the performance of the investment portfolio. Employees and officers shall refrain from undertaking personal investment transactions with the same individual with whom business is conducted on behalf of the Pauline Haass Public Library.

### *3. Delegation of Authority*

Subject to the provisions of this policy, the Village of Sussex Treasurer (acting as the fiscal agent for the Pauline Haass Public Library) shall have control of any discretion in the investment of all Library funds that are not immediately needed and are available for investment. All decisions shall be made with the input of the director of the Pauline Haass Public Library.

## **V. Authorized Financial Institutions and Depositories**

Authorization of financial institutions and depositories will be done by resolution. The resolution is attached as Appendix A shall be considered the current resolution.

## **VI. Suitable and Authorized Investments**

The investment of library funds shall be in accordance with the state statute as follows:

- Time deposits in any FDIC-insured Wisconsin bank, savings bank, or savings and loan association maturing in three years or less. All deposits in excess of \$650,000 must be collateralized to the 110% level with a perfected security interest. The \$650,000 limit represents \$250,000 of FDIC insurance coverage plus \$400,000 coverage from the State Deposit Guarantee Fund.
- The State of Wisconsin Local Government Investment Pool.

## **VII. Policy Considerations**

### *1. Exemption*

Any investment currently held that does not meet the guidelines of this policy shall be temporarily exempted from the requirements of this policy. Investments must come in conformance with the policy within six months of the policy's adoption or the governing body must be presented with a plan through which investments will come into conformance.

### *2. Amendments*

This policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis. Any changes must be approved by the investment officer and any other appropriate authority, as well as the individuals charged with maintaining internal controls.

## **VIII. Approval of Investment Policy**

The investment policy shall be formally approved and adopted by the governing body of the Pauline Haass Public Library and reviewed annually.

Adopted by the Library Board: February 18, 2009  
Reviewed and renewed: February 17, 2010; February 16, 2011  
Revised, with addition of Appendix A: February 15, 2012  
Reviewed and revised by Library Board: May 15, 2013  
Reviewed and revised by Library Board: November 20, 2013  
Reviewed and revised by Library Board: April 22, 2015  
Reviewed and revised by Library Board: April 20, 2016  
Reviewed and approved by Library Board: April 19, 2017  
Reviewed and approved by Library Board: April 18, 2018  
Reviewed and approved by Library Board: March 20, 2019  
Reviewed and approved by Library Board: September 16, 2020

## **Pauline Haass Public Library**

### **Resolution designating public depositories and approving other financial institutions for investment**

WHEREAS: The Pauline Haass Public Library Board of Trustees has approved an Investment Policy; and

WHEREAS: Said policy requires that the Pauline Haass Public Library Board of Trustees designate one or more public depositories organized and doing business under the laws of this State or Federal Law and located in this State, in which the Village of Sussex, as fiscal agent for the library, shall deposit all public monies related to the library and received by the Village; and

WHEREAS: The aforesaid policy further requires that the Pauline Haass Public Library Board of Trustees designate and approve financial institutions for the investment of public monies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pauline Haass Public Library Board of Trustees:

1. That the following depositories are hereby designated as public depositories in which public money shall be deposited without any restriction as to the amount of deposit or collateralization:

Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)

2. That the following banks, savings and loans, and credit unions and their successors be and are hereby designated as public depositories in which all public money shall be deposited in either time deposits, demand deposits or savings deposits, subject to the restrictions in the investment policy regarding maximum deposits and collateralization:

Associated Bank  
BMO Harris Bank  
Chase Bank  
U. S. Bank

3. That the following banks, savings and loan associations, and credit unions and their successors be and are hereby designated as public depositories in which all public money shall be deposited in either time deposits, demand deposits or savings deposits and that not more than the FDIC-insured limit be invested at each institution, unless the investment is collateralized with a perfected security interest in Federal government bonds or securities which are a direct obligation of or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Federal government, and/or bonds or securities which are obligations of an agency, commission, board or other instrumentality of the Federal government, where principal and interest are guaranteed by the Federal Government, the securities having a market value of one hundred ten percent (110%) of the investment:

Landmark Credit Union  
North Shore Bank  
Park Bank  
Summit Credit Union  
Waukesha State Bank

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020

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Library Board President

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Library Board Vice-President