# MINUTES VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 23 JUNE 2025

Attending: President Sarah Brunt, VP Marielle McKasty-Stagg, Linda Conway, Georgia Gray, and

Sarah Clark, clerk Remote Access:

Excused: Laura Lamberton

Absent:

Others Attending: Tracey Pause, Lynn Kohler

Call to Order: 7:45 p.m. Public Comments: None

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes for the May 19 regular board meeting

- June 2025 Directors report
- June 2025 Personnel report
- May 31, 2025 Treasurer's report
- May 16 June 16, 2025 Warrants

# MOTION (LC)SECOND (GG) PASSED UNANIMOUS: TO ACCEPT THE 23 JUNE 2025 CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

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Tracey reported that the Friends of the Library held their annual meeting in June.

- They voted in new board members.
- It was decided that VPL page Molly Martin will be getting the Jane Salvatore scholarship.
- The Encore bookstore has brought in over \$700 to date.
- The membership campaign will be going out in July. They are hoping to do both a paper and online campaign.

# **Equity committee**

Tracey interviewed Sarah C. as part of the outreach initiative. We were the only library to sign up for this aspect of the challenge. The interview was then shared with other libraries. The next meeting is scheduled for June 26.

#### Strategic plan

Sarah C. is looking at the strategic plan to make sure the plan and our mission statement are aligned. The trustees discussed this, but no decisions were made.

#### Federal changes update

Sarah C. reported that the state legislature passed the Freedom to Read Act, but it only covers public school libraries. The bill that would cover public libraries is on hold until the next legislative session. She also reported that the State Library hopes to have enough funds to get to 2026. The trustees discussed these issues, but no decisions were made.

#### Health insurance consortium

Sarah C. reported that she is still attending the meetings, but there is nothing new to report.

## Historic map

Sarah C. reported that it will cost almost \$5,000 to restore the map. Once it is restored, it would cost a few hundred more dollars to have a copy made for public viewing. She will be speaking with the village officers to discuss having the map restored. Archivist Lea has written a draft proposal, which Sarah C. partially read to the trustees. The trustees discussed this, but no decisions were made. Sarah C. will digitally share the entire draft document with the trustees.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **DLD Construction Grant**

Sarah C. shared that the online DLD Construction portal is now open, and she will be requesting funding for an automatic generator for the building, as well as money to renovate the community room. Sarah C. also explained to the trustees that, because the mezzanine project will not be as extensive as expected, there will be money left over. Sarah C. would like to amend the 2023 DLD grant to be able to use that remaining money to renovate the staff room into a more functional space. The trustees discussed this and felt that it would be an efficient use of the extra funds.

#### **Cyber Insurance**

Sarah C. reported that she is once again looking at purchasing cyber insurance for the library. IT Specialist John Love and Molly Davis will need to fill out an application so that Sarah C. can receive a price quote from Ten Eyck Insurance. The trustees discussed this but will wait for more information before making a decision.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

The next regular meeting of the board will be Monday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION (LC) SECOND (MMS) PASSED UNANIMOUS: TO ADJOURN AT 8:28 P.M.