

**MINUTES  
VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
27 OCTOBER 2025**

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

Remote Access:

Excused:

Absent:

Others Attending: Tracey Pause, Lynn Kohler

Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.

Public Comments: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Minutes for the September 22 regular board meeting
- October 2025 Directors report
- October 2025 Personnel report
- October 2025 Friends of the library report
- October Equity Challenge report
- Strategic Plan report
- September 30, 2025, Treasurers report
- September 11 – October 23, 2025, Warrants
- October Committee report

**MOTION (MMS)SECOND (LC) PASSED UNANIMOUS: TO ACCEPT THE 27 OCTOBER 2025  
CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**The Great Give Back and Coat Drive**

Sarah C. reported that the Great Give Back is done, but the we are still a year-round drop-off location for the food pantry. Our coat drive ends this Friday. The food drive had received many donations and were picked up daily by volunteers from the New Scotland food bank. The coat drive donations, in the front lobby, had been taken by an unknown person(s). The trustees discussed this. Sarah B. requested that we do a social media push to collect more food pantry donations throughout the year.

**Federal Changes**

Sarah C. reported no updates on federal changes. She will keep the trustees updated as needed.

**Albany County Health Benefit Consortium**

Sarah C. reported that we are entering Open Enrollment for medical insurance through Ten Eyck. She hopes the Albany County consortium will still be an option at some point, maybe as soon as July 1, 2026. Sarah C. will keep the trustees updated as needed.

**Historic Map**

Sarah C. reported that she is keeping a list of potential funding options for the restoration/preservation of the 1845 Mosher map. The Village will be officially giving the map to the library. Lea Foster is also working on getting access to the two copies that Albany County has, so a combined map can be made, using all three copies. Sarah C. will keep the trustees updated as needed.

#### **By-Laws**

The trustees discussed the need to update the by-laws. It was decided that this will be discussed prior to the Dec. 8 meeting, at 6:30 pm. Sarah C. will send out an email to the trustees for their input.

#### **Board Training**

While two trustees have completed their required training hours, the others still need various hours. Sarah C. reminded everyone that the NYS Library Trustee page has acceptable training videos. She also reminded them of the upcoming staff development day in November, which also has acceptable training programs which they can attend. The trustees discussed the many options available to them, but no decisions were reached.

#### **Paintings by Ed Cowley**

Sarah C. reported that she has still not received a set price for the paintings from Mr. Cowley. The trustees discussed this and decided they do not feel that they are in a position to spend budgeted monies on this art at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Staff Development Day**

Focusing on Inclusion and Accessibility, staff development day will be held on Friday, Nov. 21, beginning at 9 a.m. There will be light refreshments served to staff, followed by a program led by Bring on the Spectrum staff. Next, library employees will be given a short overview of the upcoming renovations planned for the staff room. A small craft will be available for staff to enjoy during lunch. Training will continue with staff from the Center for Independence. The day will end with chair exercises to help everyone learn techniques to stretch and unwind.

#### **Budget Re-Allocation**

Sarah C. requested that \$3,000 be moved from the employee retirement budget line to the library of things budget line. The trustees discussed this, and the following motion was made:

**M(LC) S(MMS) PASSED UNANIMOUS: TO TRANSFER \$3,000 FROM THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT FUND EXPENSE BUDGET LINE TO THE LIBRARY OF THINGS BUDGET LINE TO FUND THE CONTINUATION OF LENDING WI-FI HOTSPOTS.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

The next regular meeting of the board will be Monday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m., with a 6:30 p.m. bylaws working meeting.

**MOTION (MMS) SECOND (GG) PASSED UNANIMOUS: TO ADJOURN AT 7:40 P.M.**