

**MONROE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

1. At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Monroe County Library System held on April 12, 2023, at the Erie Branch Library, the meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Peven at 5:00 p.m. He declared that a quorum was available to participate.

Present: Vice-Chair, Rob Peven; Beth LaPensee, Secretary; Rita Gordon Trustee, and Nancy Bellaire, Director

Excused: Catharine Calder, Chair; Bernie Smith, Trustee

Staff: Barbra Krueger; Lou Komorowski

A quorum being present, the Board proceeded to transact business.

2. Motion by Rita Gordon, supported by Beth LaPensee, to approve the agenda as presented with the exception of accepting the March Financial reports, as they are not yet available. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Beth LaPensee, supported by Rita Gordon, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment – As Community Librarian, Shannen McMahon was ill, Nancy Bellaire updated the board on the history of the Erie branch, which moved upstairs from the basement of the Erie Township Hall in 1996. The current space previously housed the Erie Township Fire Department.
5. Consent Agenda – Motion by Rita Gordon, supported by Beth LaPensee, to approve the items on the consent agenda and place them on file. Motion carried.
6. Committee Reports
 - Finance Committee** – We have not yet received our March financial reports. The February financials and penal fine information are in the board packets.
 - Facilities Committee** – No meeting. The board reviewed the photos of the outdoor instruments that Bedford hopes to install behind the library.
 - Policy and Personnel Committee** – No meeting.
 - Technology Committee** – No meeting.
 - Woodlands Update** – Beth LaPensee said that the Hoopla Reciprocal Borrowing program will be ready to go live in early May.
 - Legislative Update** – The bookmobile staff will accompany Nancy and Barbra on their trip to Lansing for Legislative Day on April 25.
7. Unfinished Business – None.

8. New Business—Motion by Beth LaPensee, supported by Rita Gordon, to approve payment of the bills for the month ending February 28, 2023, in the amount of \$366,879.04.
Motion carried.

The board discussed committee appointments. There were no requests for changes to Chair Calder’s committee assignments.

Nancy Bellaire updated the board on the proposed agreement between MPACT and the City of Monroe.

9. Staff Report – Barbra Krueger reported that our staff committee is now reading and reviewing the entries submitted for the ISD’s Young Author contest. She said that the “Third Grade Reading Law” has been repealed. She also said that representatives from the Monroe Community Credit Union plan to attend our May meeting to present the board with the symbolic oversized \$3000 check to be used for the Summer Reading Program. The actual check has already arrived.

10. Director Bellaire shared information on State Senator Bellino’s office hours, which will take place in Lenawee County library branches starting in April and in Monroe County Library System Branches starting in May. She also updated the board on the Library of Things project.

11. Board Comments

The board said that they were glad to be in Erie and thanked Nancy and Barbra for their reports.

12. Public comment—None.

13. Announcements

Date of Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 5 p.m. at the Ida Branch Library, 3016 Lewis Ave, Ida, MI.

14. Adjournment

Motion by Rita Gordon, supported by Beth LaPensee, to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Peven, Vice-Chair

Beth LaPensee, Secretary