

Trenton Public Library
118 East Indiana Street
Trenton, Illinois 62293
Minutes of Board Meeting
August 25, 2025

Attending: Kelly Wilhelm, Kim Wiggins, Mary Huelsmann, Tom Rankin, Ann Albers, Jackie Van Gorkom, Steve Schatz and Director Angie Chute.

Absent: Larry Davis

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 pm by President Jackie Van Gorkom

1. PUBLIC INPUT: NONE
2. REQUIRED ACTION/REPORTS
 - a. Minutes of July 2025: Accepted as read.
 - b. Treasurer's Report: Filed for audit.
 - c. Approval of bills: Kim motioned to pay the bills; Steve seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
3. INFORMATION REPORTS
 - a. President's Comments: None.
 - b. City Council Representative: None
 - c. Committee Reports:
 - i. Building: There is an available matching grant Jan 2026 which we are eligible. Building committee recommends we go for the grant. Also recommends we accept the City's offer of help to put the Library back together and paint, finally the committee recommended to be patient while changes happen. Motion approved unanimously.
 - ii. Finance: Dietrich bank has taken over from community bank - Trustees need to sign new signature forms.
 - iii. Policies: none
 - d. Librarian's Report:
 - i. June and July are included. Filed as read.
 - ii. Personnel Updates: Tracy is ready to come back to work. Will bring her back 4SEP25 to begin re-integration.
 - iii. Programming updates: Halloween Fest - Mark requested to change the date to 26OCT25 it is a Sunday vice Monday.
 - iv. Library updates: Angie would like to look into locking casters for the YA and juvenile book shelves. Angie is getting paint samples for the patron's choice of colors for the back room.
 - v. Tom made a motion to paint the walls using available volunteers and donations with a budget of not more than \$500 Steve seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - vi. The city announced a TIF meeting that the Library board is invited to. It was identified that the Library is not within the defined TIF proposal area.
 - vii. Angie would like to standardize communication between members of the board by each member using an email address in the format fristinitialLastname.trenton.lib@gmail.com All communication is recommended to be passed in this manner.
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 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - i. None
 5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Committee Assignment Switches: President appoints new committees as needed. If a board member would like to move to a different committee ask.
 - b. New Board Member update: The Mayor has selected Shari Tockstein as a new board member, The city council has approved. Shari Tockstein was sworn in by President Van Gorkom.
- 6. TOPICS NOT ON AGENDA
 - a. Committee meetings as an official meeting.
- b. It was discussed and on review of the legislature and the general agreement of the board a committee meeting does not meet the criteria as defined for a meeting in the open meetings act as there is no quorum.
- 7. CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. Next meeting to be held August 25, 2025 at 7:00 pm
- 8. ADJOURNMENT
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm

Secretary Stephen Schatz