

Minutes
For the West Bloomfield Township Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting on
November 13, 2024
Held in the Main Library Conference Room

Board Members Present: Kari Eickemeyer
Carol Kravetz
Ken Macon
Rhonda Orr
Raman Singh

Board Members Excused: Michael Dorfman

Library Staff Present: Cathy Russ, Library Director
Jeff Crocker, Associate Library Director
Kati Vogel, Finance Manager

Public Present: Deb Macon

Call to Order

President Kravetz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. An attendance roll call vote was taken by Secretary Singh. A quorum of five Board members were present.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 13, 2024
MEETING.

Moved: Orr
Second: Eickemeyer
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Macon, Orr, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for FY 2025-2026

MOTION:

MOVE TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2025-2026.

Moved: Singh
Second: Orr
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Macon, Orr, Singh
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION:
MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2025-2026.**

Moved: Eickemeyer
Second: Orr
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Macon, Orr, Singh
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence – Russ informed the board that she and the library staff had received several congratulatory emails from patrons regarding the passage of the library millage on November 5, 2024.

Public Comment – Deb Macon congratulated the library board and administration for the successful passage of the library millage proposal. She also thanked library board members and administration for their support of Ken Macon. It is Ken’s last meeting as a library trustee.

Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2024 LIBRARY BOARD MEETING.**

Moved: Eickemeyer
Second: Singh
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Macon, Orr, Singh
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2024 SPECIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING.**

Moved: Eickemeyer
Second: Orr
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Macon, Orr, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Financial Reports - were received and filed.

Director's Report – was received and filed.

Accounts Payable

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ALL BILLS AND ACCOUNTS DUE IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$427,564.47 AND RATIFY EXPENSES INCURRED SINCE
OCTOBER 9, 2024, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$410,728.11.**

Moved: Orr
Second: Macon
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Macon, Orr, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business

**APPROVAL OF THE FY 2025-2026 OPERATING AND CAPITAL
BUDGETS**

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE THE 2025-2026 LIBRARY OPERATING AND CAPITAL
BUDGETS AS PRESENTED**

Moved: Eickemeyer
Second: Orr
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Macon, Orr, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO REQUEST APPROVAL
AND CERTIFICATION OF TAX MILLAGE FROM WEST
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO REQUEST APPROVAL AND
CERTIFICATION OF THE LIBRARY'S TAX MILLAGE FROM WEST
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**

Moved: Singh
Second: Orr
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Macon, Orr, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

APPROVAL OF HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE FOR 2025

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE THE LIBRARY'S HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE FOR
2025, WITH ONE AMENDMENT TO CLOSE THE LIBRARY AT 5 PM ON
THANKSGIVING EVE IN 2024 AND 2025.**

Moved: Eickemeyer
Second: Orr
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Macon, Orr, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF LIBRARY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2025

**MOTION:
MOVE TO APPROVE THE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR
2025**

Moved: Singh
Second: Eickemeyer
Ayes: Eickemeyer, Kravetz, Macon, Orr, Singh
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

**TRANSITION TO 2024-2028 BOARD OF TRUSTEES/OVERVIEW OF
DECEMBER 2024 BOARD MEETING**

Jennifer Taylor Boykins is the newly elected trustee; she will join the board in December. Trustees should receive communication from the Township Clerk regarding being sworn in prior to the December 11 library board meeting. At the December board meeting, the board should discuss a proposed slate of officers, which will be voted on at the January 8, 2025 board meeting.

Board Comments – Congratulations to all board members elected. A heartfelt thank you was given to Ken Macon for his many years of dedicated service to the library board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Raman Singh, Secretary