

Special Library Board Meeting
Frank Bertetti Benld Public Library
Monday, February 23, 2026

This special meeting consisted of library trustees, the librarian, city council members, and officers of the Bertetti Foundation. The following were in attendance: Mary Newman, Dona Hubert, Vickie Laughlin, Cindy Saracco, Norman Emmons, Jerry Saracco, John Fassero, and Rory Makler

This meeting was called to order at 1:00pm to discuss the status of the library with respect to bonding and liability insurance. City Council members were present to contribute their thoughts as to the current relationship between the library and the city.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the library needed to have check-writing trustees bonded. Mary will obtain a cost and bring this information to the next library board meeting.

The group then entered into a discussion of a possible Memorandum of Understanding between the library and the city. Such a document was introduced in 2019, but was dismissed as the library was told that the city was not interested in signing such an agreement. Mary Newman provided copies of this document and John Fassero, president of the Bertetti Foundation, guided the group through its major points. After some revisions and additions, it was decided that Jerry Saracco and Norman Emmons, city council members, would bring the memorandum before the council to determine if the city would reconsider its previous decision. The group felt it was important to have in writing that the library was indeed part of the city of Benld.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Saracco, library board secretary