

**Library Board Meeting  
Frank Bertetti Benld Public Library  
Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

President Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

Roll Call: Present – Trustees Jerri Bayse, Bill Bertetto, Don Chapman, Norm Emmons, Dona Hubert, Stacy Jarman, Vickie Laughlin, Cindy Saracco, and Librarian Mary Newman. Absent: Denise Cadmus.

Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

**Trustee Emmons made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2026 meeting; second by Trustee Bayse. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Laughlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2026 Special Board Meeting; second by Trustee Jarman. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Saracco made a motion to approve the February 2026 Finance Report; second by Trustee Bertetto. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Librarian's Report:** (Full report may be viewed on file.). The following library programs have been planned: March 9<sup>th</sup> – paper craft April 1<sup>st</sup> – Easter Bunny 6-7pm and May 5<sup>th</sup>- Mobile Drivers Unit will be here Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Mary is working on a summer reading schedule. She continues to place bar codes on the front of the books. All large print books have bar codes. Mary is beginning work on the Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR). Jim Marcacci will be at the library for a book signing on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 1pm. Mary also expressed concern about a patron who is often “under the influence” and may pose a threat to library staff as well as other patrons.

**Trustee Chapman made a motion to accept the Librarian's report; second by Trustee Laughlin. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Committee Reports: None**

**City Liaison and Trustee, Norm Emmons** submitted paperwork dealing with city ordinances concerning the library and our request for a Memorandum of Understanding. The Council has not committed at this time to signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Library. Mayor Kelly said that everything we want to put into the agreement can be overturned by future councils. Jerry Saracco is going to ask Rick Verticchio at the next City Council meeting if there is something that can be put in writing that is separate from the ordinance book so nothing can be changed by future administrations.

**Continued Business:** (a) CEJA Grant – All bills have been submitted. Courtney is awaiting payment. And so we wait. (b) Bonding Insurance – We now have 3 persons bonded through Prairie State Insurance. The cost was \$387.

**New Business:** (a) Follow up from the February 23, 2026 Special Meeting dealing with Bonding Insurance and the Memorandum of Understanding – Minutes are on file and were given to all trustees.

**Items for Next Agenda** – CEJA Grant; Budget; Nonresident Card Fee; Silent Alarm

**Trustee Emmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Trustee Jarman. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 5:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Cindy Saracco, Secretary