



Goshen Public Library and Historical Society Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting of February 12, 2024

Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2024

I. Call to order - 7:00 pm

The regular Board meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society was called to order by President Meghan Boroden at 7:00 pm on February 12, 2024.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Meghan Boroden, Emily Collado, Tina Fortugno, Heather LaBruna, Bob Quinn, Jim Tarvin, and Bill Troy. Also in attendance, Catherine Lemmer, Director, and Jack Denman, Finance.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Review and Approve Agenda

[Action item] Trustee Troy proposed an amendment to add to New Business a discussion of Lookout Mountain/Dutchess Quarry and a resolution in support of efforts to conserve the property. RESOLVED that the Board approve the Agenda as amended. Motion, Bill Troy, Second, Emily Collado. (Approved 7-0-0).

IV. Privilege of the floor – None

V. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the January 8, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion, Bill Troy, Second, Tina Fortugno. (Approved 7-0-0).

VI. Personnel Appointments

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the appointment of Jerome Tatrabor to full-time competitive Library Multi-Media Technician, Orange County Civil Service Title #1402. Motion, Jim Tarvin, Second, Heather LaBruna. (Approved 7-0-0).

VII. Finances

- a. Financial report for January 2024 – Catherine Lemmer
[Action item] RESOLVED to approve the financial report for January 2024 as presented. Motion, Bill Troy, Second, Bob Quinn. (Approved 7-0-0).
- b. Warrant Schedule for January 2024
[Action item] RESOLVED to approve the January 2024 warrant schedule as presented. Motion, Bob Quinn, Second, Bill Troy. (Approved 7-0-0).
- c. Employee Health Insurance (March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)
[Action item] RESOLVED to approve the Oxford Liberty Gold EPO Gated 30/60/1250/100 EPO24 as the employee health insurance for the period March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025, as presented. Motion, Jim Tarvin, Second, Heather LaBruna. (Approved 7-0-0).
- d. Presentation of the FY2025 Library Budget – Bill Troy, Catherine Lemmer, and Jack Denman.

VIII. Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election

- a. [Action Item] RESOLVED that the Board set the trustee election and budget vote date of Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Motion, Bill Troy, Second, Bob Quinn. (Approved 7-0-0).
- b. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the proposed FY2025 Library Budget with a tax levy in the amount of \$1,954,019. Motion, Bill Troy, Second, Heather LaBruna. (Approved 7-0-0).
- c. [Action item] Tax Cap Override.
RESOLVED that the Board approve the Tax Cap override.
WHEREAS, the adoption of this FY2025 budget for the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and
WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for FY2025 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on February 12, 2024.
Motion Jim Tarvin, Second Bob Quinn. (7-0-0).

- e. Clerk of the Vote Appointment – Mary Hoens
[Action Item] RESOLVED that the Board approve Mary Hoens, Clerk of the Board, as Clerk of the Vote for the Election scheduled on April 17, 2024. Motion Tina Fortugno, Second Bill Troy. (7-0-0).
- f. Chairperson of the Vote Appointment – Meghan Boroden
[Action Item] RESOLVED that the Board approve Meghan Boroden, President of the Board, as Chairperson of the Vote for the Election scheduled on April 17, 2024. Motion Heather LaBruna, Second Tina Fortugno. (7-0-0).

IX. Executive Session

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular individual at 7:30 pm. Motion Bill Troy, Second Jim Tarvin (7-0-0). Motion to exit Executive Session at 7:52 pm, Bill Troy, Second, Bob Quinn. (Approved 5-0-0).

X. January 2024 Director’s Report – Catherine Lemmer

XI. Committee Reports

- a. Standing Committees
 - i. Physical Resources Committee - None
 - ii. Community Resources Committee - None
 - iii. Human Resources - None
 - iv. Sunshine Committee - None
- b. Ad Hoc Committees
 - i. Historical Society Committee – Trustee Bob Quinn reported on the History Journal project.
 - ii. Bylaws Committee - None

XII. Reports from Partner Groups

- a. Friends liaison – Trustee Bill Troy reported on the upcoming Friends Lecture Series.
- b. Junior Friends liaison – Trustee Jim Tarvin reported on the activities of Junior Friends, including a planned amateur film festival.

XIII. New Business – Trustee Bill Troy led a discussion of Lookout Mountain (Dutchess Quarry) property which is a significant archaeological site with caves listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the efforts of the Town of Goshen to preserve and conserve this property.

[Action item] The Goshen Public Library & Historical Society strives to meet the informational, educational, and cultural needs of our community. We understand that the Town of Goshen Board proposes to protect the historic Dutchess Quarry caves by its offer to act as conservator for those caves. The Goshen Public Library & Historical Society Board of Trustees formally supports the conservation of land on which these historic Dutchess Quarry caves sit. Motion Bill Troy, Second Bob Quinn. (7-0-0).

XIV. Privilege of the floor – None.

XV. Adjournment

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees adjourn at 8:15 pm. Motion, Bill Troy Second, Bob Quinn. Approved (7-0-0).

Next Regular Meeting: March 12, 2024 @ 7:00 pm.

Submitted by,
Heather LaBruna, Secretary