

Goshen Public Library and Historical  
Society Board of Trustees Meeting  
Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2023

**I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society was called to order by President Meghan Boroden at 7:00pm on August 14, 2023

**Attendance**

Board Members Present: Meghan Boroden, Bill Troy, Bob Quinn, Heather LaBruna, Jim Tarvin, Emily Collado, and Tina Fortugno. Also in attendance, Catherine Lemmer, Director, and Mary Hoens, Clerk of the Board.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Review and Approve Agenda (Action Item):**

**RESOLVED** to approve the agenda as amended. Motion, Emily Collado. Second, Heather LaBruna. (Approved 7-0-0).

**IV. Statement regarding the status of the response to the Goshen Public Library Workers Organizing committee.**

**V. Privilege of the Floor:** Norma Nunez-Langlois of Goshen, Harlene Kresse of Goshen and GPL&HS employee, Chuck LaRocca of Montgomery, Ken Newbold of Goshen, Walter Kresse of Goshen, and James Langlois of Goshen spoke.

**VI. Approval of Minutes (Action Item):**

1. July 10, 2023 (Regular Board Meeting)

**RESOLVED** that the Board approve the minutes of July 10, 2023. Motion, Bill Troy. Second, Bob Quinn (Approved 7-0-0)

**VII Personnel Appointments**

1. **RESOLVED** to approve Iolana Comacho as a Part-Time, Non-Competitive Library Clerk of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society. Motion, Emily Collado. Second, Jim Tarvin. Approved (7-0-0).0-0).

**VIII. Finances**

Financial Report presented by Director Catherine Lemmer.

1. **RESOLVED** that the Board approve the financial report for July 2023. Motion, Bill Troy. Second, Bob Quinn. (Approved 7-0-0).

2. **RESOLVED** to accept the warrant schedule for July 2023. Motion, Bill Troy. Second, Heather LaBruna. (Approved 7-0-0).

**IX. Director's Report:**

Presented by Catherine Lemmer. See attached.

1. **RESOLVED** to approve annual service contract with Automated Logic in the amount of \$10,000.00. Motion, Bill Troy. Second, Bob Quinn. (Approved 7-0-0).

2. Vote to approve an annual HVAC service contract after reviewing vendor options has been tabled until additional information is received.

## **X. Committee Reports**

### 1. Standing Committees

- A. Physical Resources Committee: Bob Quinn and Jim Tarvin
- B. Community Resources Committee: Tina Fortugno and Emily Collado
- C. Human Resources Committee: Emily Collado, Bill Troy, and Bob Quinn Meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Sunshine Committee: Emily Collado

### 2. Ad-hoc Committees

A. Historical Society Committee: Presentation by Jim Kuroski & Don Aitchison for proposed local history journal project.

- i. **RESOLVED** that the Board supports the proposal to publish a local history journal. Motion, Emily Collado. Second, Heather LaBruna. (7-0-0)
- ii. Local History Room policies and procedures tabled for further development and review.

## **XI. Reports from Partner Groups**

### 1. Friends' liaison – Bill Troy

Big Band Concert on August 5<sup>th</sup> was a success, drawing a crowd of 260 people. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> Lecture on Ford Motor Company and its toxic site is scheduled for 10am.

### 2. Junior Friends liaison – Jim Tarvin

The recruitment party on July 26<sup>th</sup> brought in 15 new Junior Friends. The open mic night was successful, and the Jr. Friends also assisted with the 50/50 at the Big Band Concert.

## **XII. New Business**

### 1. September Regular Board meeting change

**RESOLVED** that the Board approves to change the September regular meeting date from September 11<sup>th</sup> to September 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion, Bill Troy. Second, Jim Tarvin. (Approved 7-0-0).

## **XIII. Privilege of the Floor**

Gloria Bonelli of Goshen, Jim Burgis of Middletown, Susie Sohn of Goshen, and Hannah Dilorio of Goshen and Kitty Ruberte-Smith spoke.

## **XIV. Executive Session:**

**RESOLVED** that the Board enter Executive Session at 8:17 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular individual. Motion, Heather LaBruna. Second, Bill Troy. (Approved 7-0-0.)

**RESOLVED** that the Board exit Executive Session at 9:15 pm. No action was taken. Motion, Bill Troy. Second, Heather LaBruna. (Approved 7-0-0.)

## **XVII. Adjournment:**

**RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned at 9:16pm. Motion, Heather LaBruna. Second, Tina Fortugno. (Approved 7-0-0).

Next regular Board Meeting September 18, 2023.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary C. Hoens, Clerk of the Board