

Galway Public Library, Library Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 18, 2025

In attendance: Board of Trustees: Cate La Barre, Jim Hodsoll, Santina Florio, Jane Behrens, Kat McCleneghen, Library Director Deb Flint. Absent: Stephanie Todd Payton
Attendees: Jeremy Womer, Bethany Thompson

Meeting called to order by Cate La Barre at 6:37 p.m.

Public Comment

Minutes of Prior Meetings:

Motion by Jim Hodsoll, second by Jane Behrens, to approve the minutes of 5/21/25.
Vote: Yes 5, No 0 - Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Hodsoll, second by Kat McCleneghen, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on 4/25/25.
Vote: Yes 3, No 0, Abstain 2 - Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Jane Behrens, second by Kat McCleneghen, to approve expenditures listed in the registers below:

BSNB General Checking 5/24/25 - 6/6/25
BSNB General Checking 6/7/25 - 6/20/25
Operating Grants Checking 5/24/25 - 6/6/25
Visa 5/23/25 - 6/16/25
Receipts Log 5/16/25 - 6/10/25

Vote: Yes 5, No 0 - Motion carried.

Director's Report

Correspondence

Friends' Report

GPL Foundation Report

Capital Funds Ad Hoc Committee Report

Standing Committees

Buildings and Grounds
Finance
Personnel
Long-Range Plan
Public Relations

Unfinished Business

IRS Status Discussion

Revision of Finance Policy

Motion by Jane Behrens, second by Jim Hodsoll, to approve the revisions to the Contributions Policy.

Vote: Yes 5, No 0 - Motion carried.

New Business

Election Results

June 11, 2024 Election Results:

A total of 245 votes were cast. 32 were absentee ballot votes.

Motion: Jane Behrens

Second: Kate McCleneghen

to accept the Proposition and Board Member Election results, which were as follows:

Shall the budget for the Galway Public Library for the fiscal year 2025-2026 be approved and the amount of \$253,850 be raised for such purpose by taxes levied on all the taxable real property within the Galway Central School District?

Yes Votes: 176 No Votes: 68 - PASSED

There were two vacancies on the Board of Trustees for two five-year terms of office effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030. One seat was vacated by Jim Hodsoll, who was elected and whose term of office began on July 1, 2020 and will expire on June 30, 2025. The second seat was vacated by Susan Wemple, who was elected and whose term of office began on July 1, 2020, who resigned on March 19, 2025, and whose term ends June 30, 2025.

Neither Jim Hodsoll nor Susan Wemple ran for re-election.

Trustee Election Results: Bethany Thompson – 199 votes – ELECTED to 5-year term

Jeremy Womer - 85 votes – ELECTED to 5-year term

Write-In Candidates Votes: Jeremy Womer - 85 votes; Jeremy Wormer - 7 votes; Jeremy Woner – 2 votes; Jennifer Baxter - 1 vote; Jane Behrens - 1 vote; Anne Best - 1 vote; Tom Cwiakala - 1 vote; Maria Goldsmith - 1 vote; Jim Hodsoll - 1 vote; Charles Mach - 1 vote; Julie Pasiiecka - 1 vote; Arlene Rhodes - 1 vote; Patty Venditti - 1 vote; Jeremy Woamer - 1 vote; J Woermeer - 1 vote; J Woermer - 1 vote; Jermey Wollulen - 1 vote; Jeremy Wolmer - 1 vote; David Womer - 1 vote; Jereome Womer - 1 vote; John Zawiza - 1 vote

Voted aye to approve the motion: 5 Yes 0 No

Motion Passed: X Yes No

Oaths of Office for Thompson & Womer

Appoint Nominating Committee

Director Personal Time & Vacation

Motion by Jim Hodsoll, second by Jane Behrens, to approve the Director's request to use a personal day on 6/20/25, and vacation days on 6/17, and 6/26 - 6/30/25.

Vote: Yes 5, No 0 - Motion carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Jim Hodsoll, second by Kat McCleneghen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Vote: Yes 5, No 0 - Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Santina Florio, Secretary