

**MINUTES
FAIRPORT HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
November 11, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Fairport Harbor Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:36 pm

Roll call: Coffman, Coll, Gutowksi, Nichols, Schrott, Lausin, Negrelli present

Staff Present: Karen Zoller, Director; Fiscal Officer, Joanne Clapp

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Meeting of August 12, 2025
- b. September 9, 2025
- c. October 14, 2025

Lee Negrelli motioned to approve, seconded by Nancy Schrott; all approved September 9; October 14, 2025 pending for reading

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- a. Approval of Financial Reports for October 2025
Linda Coffman motioned to approve, Anna Coll seconded, report approved
- b. It was decided that we would allow the medical, dental and vision insurance to renew in the new year, as negotiations have not been completed.

3. DIRECTORS REPORT:

Karen reported again our concern that nothing is being done regarding Ohio library funding. Representative Gary Click continues his initiatives to limit library funding. Lake County passed legislation doubling Homestead exemption for low income residents and doubled owner-occupied discounts. These exemptions will come out of current tax and will reduce the payments to Public Services dependent on them by 1.5% or more.

Tentative new building timelines as of this date: closing to the public after December 20th; freeze on borrows as of December 1st; moving the Library to the new building on the 29th and 30th of December.

4. OPEN TO AUDIENCE: none present

5. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

Rebecca Steinback reported on Grinch books for Harbor Holidays. The Friends chose a venue for their distribution.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Evaluations – no report
- b. Building and Grounds – no report
- c. Policy – no report
- c. Finance – no report
- d. Transition Committee – no report

Reports will resume in the new year.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Entered Executive Session at 6:12pm

To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, unless they require a public hearing. The Library Director and Fiscal Officer are invited to attend, with possible actions being taken afterwards.

Ended Executive Session at 6:57pm. Entered Public Session.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Lee moved to hire an attorney and Nancy seconded the motion. All approved.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm