



February 24, 2026
Marion Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting

Attendance

<u>Board and Invited Attendees</u>	<u>Present</u> Kerry Sargent, President Melanie Rivera, Vice President Joanna Meyer, Secretary Samantha Buss, Library Board Trustee Gail Stoddart, Library Board Trustee Tracy Whitney, Library Manager Mary Johnson, Town Board Co-Liaison	<u>Absent</u> Margi Taber, Town Board Co-Liaison
<u>Other Attendees</u>	There were no other attendees.	

No public comments

The meeting was called to order by Kerry at 7:03pm.

1. The January 20, 2026 meeting minutes were read; motion to accept minutes motion to accept minutes as written was made by Sam, seconded by Gail. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Financial Report: The operating statement showed a balance of \$227, 417.54 as of 2/10/26.
 - a. Question: page 2 operating balance why is the Budget 5,341 is less than 250,000. Tracy will inquire with Kathy about this line and will report back to the Library Board.
3. Approval of bills
 - a. Motion made to approve the current library bills in the amount of \$9897.10 by Sam, seconded by Gail. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Annual contribution for OverDrive was made to OWWL.
 - c. Post Master \$162.00 is for the Post Office box.
 - d. Health care cost listed is monthly.
4. Manager's report
 - a. Programs
 - i. Take your child to Library Day was well attended despite the nasty weather. Families enjoyed the ice cream for breakfast. Wegmans donated \$50 for the food.

- ii. Other programs included Adult Book Club and the Lego Block party
- b. Trainings: Tracy attended one webinar
- c. Financial
 - i. The grant from Assemblyman Mantelow has been deposited.
 - ii. A large donation was received from the estate of Meredith Sorenson. The Board will discuss how best to use this money to improve the children's area at a future date.
- d. Fingerlakes Community Action free tax preparation continues.
- e. Wayne County Community Schools partnership: the library hosted the Books and Bites for a visit Feb 23
- f. The COVID screen has come down. Alpco Recycling helped to remove it and connected it to the Pal-Mac Robotics Team for a planned project.
- g. Kone conducted a safety inspection on 2/2, Ron Lonneville and Nick Lucci attended along with Tracy. An additional third party inspection may be required and Tracy has been in communication with the Town to facilitate access to the building. The Town is looking at elevator company options to work with moving forward.

5. Committee Reports

- a. 414- Joanna
 - i. Question: Does the Board want to pass a Tax Cap Resolution in the event that a vote needs to be put before the voters in November to increase the tax revenue this year due to rising health care costs?

6. Old Business

- a. Light fixture: Nick is having a hard time finding the sensor for the light. It is currently on the "back burner".

7. New Business

- a. Tax cap override: discussed that we would like to pass this in March. Concerns were raised regarding increased healthcare costs driving up the budget. Board members expressed concerns regarding increasing the Town tax contribution. The Board would like to pass the tax cap resolution as a safeguard in case of needing to look at an increase to the town tax contribution.
- b. Tabling the discussion regarding the creation and maintenance of reserve funds. Tracy will connect with Ron regarding potentially attending (in person or virtually) a future meeting in order to assist us.
- c. Funding from Assemblyman Manktelow: Tracy had requested the grant money for front facing shelving for the children's area. With the recent donation from the Sorenson estate, Tracy is suggesting connecting with a professional space planner. A couple of suggestions were shared and Tracy will continue to gather potential contacts and ideas.
 - i. A wish list item is an actual "quiet space" beyond the downstairs room.
- d. 2026 FFRPL Grant - A motion to accept the grant was made by Sam and seconded by Gail. The motion passed unanimously. The grant is going to be used to supplement the materials budget for audio and electronic materials (OverDrive audio and e-books).

8. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Kerry, seconded by Mel. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted by Joanna Meyer, secretary.

Upcoming dates:

- March 17, 2026 at 7:00 PM: Regular Library Board Meeting
- April 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM: Regular Library Board Meeting