

Jean Waterloo Lenox Township Library
Board Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2025

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Beth Oakley
2. Roll Call:
 - a. Present: Pat Bruen, Melanie Cochrill, John Notte, Beth Oakley, Lee Hillis and Larry Lubinski.
 - b. Staff: Beth Bogaert
 - c. Public: Brad Andrews, Katie Andrews, Judy Bogaert, Lynn Couck, Debbie Kitchen, Dawn Lochridge, Elizabeth Rose and Casee Talley-Hill
3. Approval of the Agenda: Lee requested that we add 3 items under New Business: 1) moving Harm house, 2) rezoning the Gratiot property and 3) amending the Gratiot listing. A motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Pat, seconded by John and carried unanimously.
4. Public comments on agenda items: None.
5. Secretary's report: Motion to approve the December 12, 2024 minutes by Lee, seconded by Melanie and approved unanimously.
6. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. The treasurer's report was reviewed.
 - b. Motion to approve payment of bills by Melanie, seconded by Larry and approved unanimously.
7. Director's Report:
 - a. Library Happenings: The library staff is in the process of setting up school field trips for January/February. For those classes who cannot come to the library, Casee will be visiting their classrooms.
Both Beth B. and Casee are working on submitting for small grants to help subsidize summer reading and the collection budget.
The adult craft on January 22 will be making miniature snow globes out of some baby food jars generously donated by Melanie Cochrill.

Teen night will be held on January 28th and they will be making candy sushi. The program begins at 5:30 p.m.

- b. The new treasurer needs to be added to the PNC Bank account ending in 6708 as a signatory. It was moved by Lee and seconded by Melanie that John Notte be added to the account as a signatory. Carried.
- c. Even with repairs made recently, the drop box has become unusable. It was moved by Pat and seconded by Larry that we purchase a new drop box from Demeo. Motion carried.

8. President's Report

a. Old Business:

- i. Expansion Exploration Committee -
Discussion/Action: Melanie brought us up to date on their progress. After reviewing the proposals from Kingscott and One Plus, it was moved by Pat and seconded by John to accept the Kingscott proposal. Motion carried.
- ii. Main Street Property: The Main Street property had a gas leak (actually 2) which have been repaired. The heat is left on at 50 degrees.
- iii. Beth B. is working with the village to see if we can be put on the electronic sign at Gratiot and Main. She will also make sure the calendar is updated regularly so that our happenings appear in the Bay Voice.

b. New Business:

- i. The Bylaws were reviewed and changes made:
Zoom to be made available for trustees
A non-officer to be appointed as time-keeper for public comments at the beginning of each meeting. Moved by Melanie and seconded by Lee. Approved
In the absence of both the president and the secretary, the treasurer will preside over the meeting. Moved by Melanie and seconded by John. Approved.
In the absence of the secretary, the director will take the minutes. Moved by Melanie, seconded by Larry and carried.
- ii. Lee brought up the idea of selling the Harm home to have it moved. Lee and John were appointed to a sub-committee to investigate the prospect of selling as opposed to demolishing
- iii. Lee made a motion to apply for rezoning of the Gratiot

property to multi- family housing. The motion was seconded by John and carried unanimously. It was moved by John and seconded by Larry that, in anticipation of the rezoning, we contact Anton & Sowerby to increase the listing price to \$299,000. Motion was carried and Beth B was directed to make that contact.

9. Public Comments: There were none.
10. Next Meeting : February 20, 2025
11. Meeting Adjournment: Motion by Melanie and seconded by Larry to adjourn the meeting @ 7:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Bruen, Secretary