

**Minutes of the Liberty Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 25, 2025
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The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Karen Kaner

Present: Karen Kaner, Beth Mastro, Sherry Silver, Teri Beimler, Marjorie Linko

Absent: Larry Steiger

Public Comment: No public comments were received.

Budget Hearing: The Board reviewed the budget. No one from the public was present

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Beth moved to accept the February minutes. Sherry Silver seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Librarian's Report

- Marjorie Linko gave an overview of programming. Overall programs are successful and well attended. Teen attendance has been down slightly, but teen volunteering has increased. Earth Day activities will be aligned with gardening programming in April.
- Marj reviewed the Annual Report Statistics. Sherry moved to accept the 2024 Annual Report. Teri seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- FOLL Update: They will be having a plant sale to be part of the Earth Day activities.
- The Budget vote will be held April 8 from 11 AM to 8 PM. The resolution was passed unanimously regarding the tax cap override as follows:

Whereas the adoption of this 2025-26 budget for the Liberty Public Library combined with anticipated debt service repayments on a bond that was approved on August 9, 2016 may require a total tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Liberty Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2025-26 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on 3/25/25. Beth Mastro made a motion to approve tax cap override resolution. Seconded by Sherry Silver. Vote Results: Approved unanimously.

- Children's Internet Protection Act Compliance and cost: It was decided to get more information and resume discussion in April.
- Discussion of front sidewalk temporary repairs. Marj provided an update on fence signs and on-going sand replacement.

At 6:15 pm, Sherry moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a matter currently in litigation. Beth seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Executive Session ended at 6:35. Sherry Silver moved to end the session, and Karen seconded. Unanimously approved.

New Business:

- NYLAF merging with NYCLASS Board Resolution: Beth moved to approve the Board Resolution to join NYCLASS. Karen seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Teri moved to approve the new “General Policies and Rules”, former named “Behavior Policy”. Sherry seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report

- The Treasurer’s report for March 2025
ASSETS (as of 3/25/25)

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
NYLAF Investment.....	342,700.92
NYLAF General Fund.....	804,703.21
Jeff Capital Fund Checking.....	4,490.85
Jeff Bank Operating.....	18,591.09
Total Checking/Savings.....	1,170,486.07
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$1,170,486.07

Approve Payment of Bills:

- Teri moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Seconded by Sherry. Unanimously approved.
- Sherry moved to approve the 3/24 bills of \$9,163.71. Beth seconded. Unanimously approved.

Next Board Meeting: April 22, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 by Karen.