

**LUTHER AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 13, 2025
115 State Street Luther, MI 49656**

CALL TO ORDER

President Goodlein called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Present:	President:	K. Goodlein
	Vice-President:	J. Trimberger
	Treasurer:	D. Long
	Secretary:	K. Frankfort
	Trustee:	S. Clark
	Director:	T. Laughlin

Absent:	Trustee:	A. Baker
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VISITORS

Kim Pendley.

APPROVING AGENDA

Motion and seconded made by Goodlein and Trimberger to approve the agenda. **Motion CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion and seconded made by Trimberger and Frankfort to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 13, 2025. **Motion CARRIED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion and seconded made by Goodlein and Clark to approve the February 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented. **Motion CARRIED.**

BUDGET HEARING

Motion and seconded made by Goodlein and Clark to enter into a Public Hearing for the 2025/2026 Budget. **Motion CARRIED.** Goodlein opened the floor to public comment. There was no public comment. Discussion. Motion and seconded made by Goodlein and Trimberger to approve the 2025/2026 Budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote:	(5) AYES – Clark, Frankfort, Goodlein, Long, Trimberger	
	(0) NAYS	Motion CARRIED.

Motion and seconded made by Clark and Frankfort to close the Public Hearing for the 2025/2026 Budget. **Motion CARRIED.** The Board returned to the March 13, 2025 Regular Meeting agenda at 4:43 p.m.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Laughlin confirmed her written report and added the following:

- Due to cost constraints, the paper copy of the Community Newsletter will be discontinued but it will still be offered electronically.
- Laughlin has a scheduling conflict for the April meeting and would like it rescheduled for April 17th. Approved.
- On April 12 the library and several non-profits (L.A.S.A., the Luther Improvement Committee, The Luther Lions Club, the Luther Days Association, the Luther Fire Department, and the Luther Museum) are coming together to show their love for the community. At 12:00 p.m. there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at the Luther Ball Fields, free hotdogs, prizes and a special guest "The Easter Bunny", who will be available if families want to get a picture with him.
- Laughlin would like to close the library April 12 so her staff can assist with the activities. Approved.
- Motion and seconded by Frankfort and Trimberger to approve the Library Director's Report.
Motion CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Maintenance - Sunshine Carpet Cleaning Quote of \$300.00 - \$350.00. Discussion. Motion and seconded made by Clark and Goodlein to approve Sunshine Carpet Cleaning Quote up to \$350.00 to clean all the carpet, tile and rugs.

Roll Call Vote: (5) **AYES** – Clark, Frankfort, Goodlein, Long, Trimberger
(0) **NAYS** **Motion CARRIED.**

Garden - Garden Club \$500.00 Budget Request. Discussion. Motion and seconded made by Goodlein and Clark to authorize a budget up to \$500.00 for mulch and flowers.

Roll Call Vote: (5) **AYES** – Clark, Frankfort, Goodlein, Long, Trimberger
(0) **NAYS** **Motion CARRIED.**

Budget Allowance – Request Removing the \$200.00 Normal Expenditure Cap for Emergencies With a 2-Party Authorization. Discussion. Motion and seconded made by Clark and Trimberger to remove the \$200.00 normal expenditure cap and approve a 2-Party phone authorization between the Director and President or Treasurer for emergencies only.

Roll Call Vote: (5) **AYES** – Clark, Frankfort, Goodlein, Long, Trimberger
(0) **NAYS** **Motion CARRIED.**

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Long added D&O Liability Insurance Invoice - \$920.00. Motion and seconded made by Long and Goodlein to approve payment.

Roll Call Vote: (5) **AYES** – Clark, Frankfort, Goodlein, Long, Trimberger
(0) **NAYS** **Motion CARRIED.**

Trimberger submitted a letter of resignation effective March 14, 2025. Motion and seconded made by Goodlein and Frankfort to reluctantly accept Trimberger's resignation with heartfelt thanks for her many years of service.

Motion CARRIED.

Goodlein said the state Legislature made last minute changes to amend ESTA via H.B. 4002. The bill was signed by Governor Whitmer and is now PA 2 of 2025. Our new Sick Time Policy was approved last month on the condition there were no changes to ESTA. Consequently, our new Sick Time Policy is void, the old policy remains in effect, and a revised Sick Time Policy will be submitted for Board approval at a later date.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 17, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Goodlein adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Karin Goodlein, Acting Secretary