

DRAFT March 24, 2026 Budget Hearing for Leelanau Township Library Fiscal Year 2026-2027
Minutes

Present: Mark Morton, Rick Gans, Mary Robertson, Jamie Scripps, Amanda Kruk

Absent: Dale Lersch

Staff Present: Julie Alpers-Preneta, Director

Public Present: Patty Noftz, via phone

- I. Mark Morton called the hearing to order at 7:04pm
- II. Julie presented changes to the draft budget
 - A. Line 674.4 Contributions from Friends will be \$7,000 this year
 - B. Added to line 744 Digital Materials due to an increase in Hoopla usage
- III. Zoom issues: a brief pause in proceedings. Resolved to have Patty call in.
- IV. Public Comment: None
- V. Adjournment at 7:12pm

Notes recorded and respectively submitted by Amanda Kruk, secretary

DRAFT 3-24-2026 Leelanau Township Library Board of Trustees Meeting

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Staff Present: Julie Alpers-Preneta, director

Friends and Public Present: Patty Noftz, via phone

- I. Mark called the meeting to order at 7:12pm
- II. Rick moved to approve the 2-26-26 meeting minutes, Mary seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - A. Julie corrected that middle school volunteer is "shelf reading" not "reshelving;" Julie corrected the description of the new fund with LTCF as a "facilities" fund not an "endowed" fund.
 - B. Rick moved to approve the minutes as amended, Mary seconded. Unanimous approval
- III. Public Comment: None
- IV. Director's Report
 - A. February is quiet yet there were 12 new cardholders. Jen Strauss specifically requested a stop in Northport at our library for her upcoming regional storytelling tour.
- V. Financial Report
 - A. Discussion about line 744 Digital Materials: Hoopla use has increased, Julie thought the budget may be exceeded before FY is over but it was determined that it will likely not be due the nature of our accrual accounting and the line has been increased for the next FY.
 - B. Haven't seen a bill from Township for heating, Julie will look into this.
 - C. Rick moved to accept the Financial Report, Jame seconded. Unanimous approval.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Budget- two changes were presented at the public hearing.
 - B. Rick moved to accept the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 as presented. Jamie seconded, unanimous approval.
- VII. New Business
 - A. A letter from Clare Membiela of the Library of Michigan about changing a library's name was distributed and discussed. Ramifications considered such as: clearing up confusion between Leelanau County/Leelanau Township/Leland, the word "Township" indicating that we work for the Township, needing new logos/letterheads, potentially displeasing "Leelanau Township" residents if the name was "Northport", etc.
 1. Jamie brought up the potential option to do a DBA "doing business as"/assumed name. The board thought that might be an appealing option. This will be looked into and the discussion will continue.
- VIII. Public Comment
 - A. Patty posed a question for the board to consider regarding renaming the library: "Would we lose Omena support with a name change?"
 - B. Patty noted the confusion with Zoom, it seemed as if somehow the library had two meetings going.
- IX. Rick moved the board into closed session at 7:36pm, Jamie seconded. Unanimous approval.
- X. Rick moved the board back into public session at 7:53pm, Jamie seconded. Unanimous approval.
- XI. Rick moved to adjourn at 7:53pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 20 at 7pm

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