



**Goshen Public Library and Historical Society Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting of January 12, 2026**

- I. Call to order
A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society (GPLHS) was called to order by President Emily Collado at 7:02 PM on January 12, 2026.
Attendance:
Board members present: Emily Collado, Tina Fortugno, Heather LaBruna, Julie Markey, Alison Newman, Michael Panzer, and Lynn Tabbott. Also in attendance: Library Director Rose Chiocchi, Principal Account Clerk Jack Denman and Clerk of the Board Meghan Boroden.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Review and Approve Agenda
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Agenda as amended.*
*Budget Vote and Trustee Election added under New Business.
Motion: Trustee Panzer. Seconded by: Trustee Fortugno. (Approved 7-0-0)
- IV. Privilege of the floor – None.
- V. Approval of the Minutes.
 - a. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 8, 2025 as presented.
Motion: Trustee Tabbott. Seconded by: Trustee Markey. (Approved 7-0-0)
- VI. Personnel
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the appointment of Aaron Banse as a part-time Library Clerk.
Motion: Trustee Fortugno. Seconded by: Trustee Newman. (Approved 7-0-0)
- VII. Finances
 - a. Jack Denman presented the Financial Report for December 2025, marking the halfway point of the fiscal year. The Library received bullet aid in the amount of \$8,928 grant from Senator Skoufis, which will be utilized for an outdoor instrument garden to serve children and adults with memory problems and special needs. The higher than anticipated PILOT revenue, previously received,

was due to the Legoland PILOT. The Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan (CFOS) has reimbursed the Library \$15,455 for the cost of the shed thanks to donations previously made to the Goshen Library Foundation. Electricity expenses were higher due to increased rates, but possibly usage changes during the colder, darker months. A preliminary discussion on budgeting for the 2026-2027 fiscal year was had about upcoming building and grounds expenses.

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Financial Report for December 2025 as presented.

Motion: Trustee Newman. Seconded by: Trustee Markey. (Approved 7-0-0)

- b. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Warrant Schedule for December 2025 as presented.

Motion: Trustee Fortugno. Seconded by: Trustee Panzer. (Approved 7-0-0)

- VIII. Director's Report – In her report, Director Chiocchi reported that visits to the Library were up approximately 6 percent in 2025 in comparison to 2024, with over 100,000 visitors passing through the Library's doors. Trustees thanked Director Chiocchi for the more thorough statistic tracking.

The Library collaborated with the Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry for a third year during the holiday season, collecting tea kettles and coffee pots. Community members donated 70 kettles and 32 coffee pots and were distributed with the help of Erica Gati (HR) and Chiocchi on January 10. Chiocchi thanked Gati as well as Food Pantry volunteer Susan Armistead and confirmed the collaboration with the two organizations will continue next holiday season.

Erica Gati held a staff decorating contest, making the Library extra festive during the holiday season. The winning departments were Tech Services, the Administration Office and the Children's Department. Staff enjoyed the holiday party won through RCLS at Newburgh Brewing Company. Chiocchi reported that more than 20 staff members attended and enjoyed the evening together.

Staff members from Nanuet Library toured the Goshen Library in preparation for their own building renovations.

A part-time Library Clerk position has been filled. Chiocchi has completed her annual staff evaluations. Department heads will complete their evaluations next.

A Goshen resident donated a John F. Gould painting of the Harriman Foundation. The painting currently is on display in the Local History Room.

Chiocchi confirmed that books culled from the Library's collection that are not in poor shape are given to the Friends' used book store.

- IX. Committee Reports
 - a. Standing Committees
 - i. Physical Resources Committee - None.
 - ii. Community Resources Committee
 - iii. Human Resources – None.
 - iv. Sunshine Committee – None.
 - b. Ad Hoc Committees
 - i. Historical Society Committee – Local History Journal remains under review.

- X. Reports from Partner Groups
 - a. Friends of the GPL&HS will continue its lecture series after the New Year.
 - b. Junior Friends meets the last Sunday of the month.

- XI. New Business
 - a. Budget Vote and Trustee Election date
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board set the trustee election and budget vote date of Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Motion: Trustee Panzer. Seconded by: Trustee Newman. (Approved 7-0-0)
 - b. 2026-2027 Budget discussion. Trustees Collado and Fortugno will represent the Board in budget development discussions for fiscal year 2026-2027.

- XII. Privilege of the Floor – None.

- XIII. Executive Session
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board enter Executive Session at 7:55 PM to discuss the employment history of particular individuals.
Motion: Trustee Tabbott. Seconded by: Trustee Fortugno. (Approved 7-0-0)
No action was taken.
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board exit Executive Session at 9:31 PM.
Motion: Trustee Fortugno. Seconded by: Trustee Newman. (Approved 7-0-0)

- XIV. Report of Continuing Education Credits – Trustees continue to participate in classes as required by NYS law.

- XV. Adjournment
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board adjourn at 9:32 PM.
Motion: Trustee Tabbott. Seconded by: Trustee Markey. (Approved 7-0-0)

Next Regular Meeting: February 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by: Meghan Boroden, Clerk of the Board