



**Goshen Public Library and Historical Society Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting of February 9, 2026**

Draft Minutes

- 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 Vice President Tina Fortugno at 7:05 PM on February 9, 2026.
Attendance:
Board members present: Tina Fortugno, Heather LaBruna, Julie Markey, Alison Newman, Michael Panzer (arrived at 7:11 PM), and Lynn Tabbott (departed at 8:30 PM). Absent: Emily Collado. Also in attendance: Library Director Rose Chiocchi 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.*
*Executive Session moved to item V. after first Privilege of the Floor.
Motion: Trustee LaBruna. Seconded by: Trustee Tabbott. (Approved 5-0-0)
- IV. Privilege of the floor – None.
- V. Executive Session
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board enter Executive Session at 7:07 PM to discuss the employment history of particular individuals.
Motion: Trustee LaBruna. Seconded by: Trustee Tabbott. (Approved 5-0-0)
No action was taken.
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board exit Executive Session at 8:34 PM.
Motion: Trustee Panzer. Seconded by: Trustee Newman. (Approved 5-0-0)
- VI. Approval of the Minutes.
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 12, 2025 as presented.
Motion: Trustee Panzer. Seconded by: Trustee Newman. (Approved 5-0-0)
- VII. Personnel - None

VIII. Finances – No Financial Report.

IX. Director's Report – In her report, Director Chiocchi reported that winter programs have been well attended despite frigid temperatures and inclement weather disruptions. The statistic for overall visits is inaccurate this month because the door counting sensor has not operated properly and is being worked on. Chiocchi explained that the final missing piece for a grant that funded the generator was submitted to the Department of Library Development. The Library now awaits reimbursement. She has also secured the services of Goshen business Pay Day Employer Solutions to process the Library's payroll. Also, the Library received the second installment from an Orange County grant in the amount of \$3,250 from the Orange County Legislature's Planning Department through an agreement with the Orange Library Association (OLA). The agreement states that the funds be used to offset technical fees that libraries pay, including fees paid to RCLS. Chiocchi informed the Board about a very impactful Narcan training program provided by Lauren Mandel, founder of Keep it Moving Zane. The training was attended by 15 staff members and is good for two years. Narcan is available in the building for emergencies. Finally, Chiocchi explained that due to recent court-ordered tax refunds in proposed settlements of the Galleria at Crystal Run and Meinwald tax certioraris, the Goshen School District notified the Library that a statute in Section 726(1)(c) of the Real Property Tax Law allows (but does not require) a school board to charge back any portion of any court-ordered tax refund in a tax certiorari proceeding attributable to a school district public library. Since the District's tax refund exposure in the proposal includes the Goshen Public Library taxes that were collected, the Board of Education decided to revisit the question of whether to charge back the Library for its share of the refunds in those proceedings. Since the settlement with the Crystal Run Galleria was quite large, the Board of Education felt it necessary to begin charging the Library for its share. Rising costs and minimal revenue from state aid led to the decision. Chiocchi will communicate with the District on repayment options.

X. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

i. Physical Resources Committee - None.

ii. Community Resources Committee – A springtime event with Chiocchi as the keynote speaker is under consideration by the Board.

iii. Human Resources – None.

iv. Sunshine Committee – None.

b. Ad Hoc Committees

i. Historical Society Committee – Local History Journal remains under review.

XI. Reports from Partner Groups

- a. Friends of the GPL&HS hosted Sal LaBruna speaking on former Goshen artist, Horace Pippin. The event was well attended. The Friends next host Cory Harris, a SUNY Orange professor who will be speaking about local mastodon discoveries.
- b. Junior Friends are planning a community dance on February 22nd.

XII. New Business - None

XIII. Privilege of the Floor – None.

XIV. Report of Continuing Education Credits – Trustees continue to participate in classes to fulfill the continuing education credits required by NYS law.

XV. Adjournment

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board adjourn at 9:48 PM.

Motion: Trustee Panzer. Seconded by: Trustee LaBruna. (Approved 5-0-0)

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

Submitted by: Meghan Boroden, Clerk of the Board