



**Goshen Public Library and Historical Society Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting of May 11, 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 Vice President Tina Fortugno at 7:02 PM on May 11, 2026.  
Attendance:  
Board members present: Tina Fortugno, Heather LaBruna, Julie Markey, Alison Newman, Michael Panzer (arrived at 7:15 PM), and Lynn Tabbott. 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 presented.  
Motion: Trustee Tabbott. Seconded by: Trustee LaBruna. (Approved 5-0-0)
- IV. Privilege of the floor – None.
- V. Approval of the Minutes.
  - a. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting on February 24, 2026.  
Motion: Trustee Newman. Seconded by: Trustee LaBruna. (Approved 5-0-0)
  - b. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 13, 2026.  
Motion: Trustee Tabbott. Seconded by: Trustee Markey. (Approved 5-0-0)
- VI. Personnel - None
- VII. Finances  
Director Chiocchi reported that the Local History Room has benefited from a number of donations this year, many of which were made in honor of Ann Roche's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The newly installed outdoor instruments on the grounds of the Library have been installed and it was determined that this expense would appear on the Equipment budget line, as this is where Libratory materials are also budgeted. Rising utility costs and unexpected repairs are the most frustrating expenses as they

cannot be foreseen. Contingency expenses in these areas have been included in the budget for the next fiscal year. Employees will receive raises in July, the start of the new fiscal year.

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the April 2026 Financial Report.

Motion: Trustee LaBruna. Seconded by: Trustee Markey. (Approved 6-0-0)

b. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the April 2026 Warrant Schedule

Motion: Trustee Newman. Seconded by: Trustee Panzer. (Approved 6-0-0)

- VIII. Director's Report – In her report, Director Chiocchi reported that circulation continues its upward trend. Use of meeting spaces is increasing. Upcoming school exams may be driving the demand for these spaces.
- The fiscal year 2026-2027 budget passed on April 15<sup>th</sup> with 140 yes votes and 37 no votes. Alison Newman and Tina Fortugno were re-elected for a three-year term as trustees. Director Chiocchi thanked the community for their continued support of the Library, as well as the election workers and Meghan Boroden, Sandra Delgado, Erica Gati and Kitty Ruberte-Smith for their election preparation efforts.
- Four outdoor instruments, funded by a grant from Sen. Skoufis and a donation from the Friends group, were installed on the grounds of the Library by Goshen-based Silver Fox Construction. Quotes on bathroom repairs are forthcoming.
- Chiocchi reported that the Friends agreed to pay \$1,500 for a new database called Library Chef. Patrons will be able to stream cooking and wellness demonstrations and lessons using their Goshen library card. The service will be incorporated into future programming. Goshen Library is the first in the library system to acquire this resource and benefitted from a 15 percent discount, as a result. The Friends group also raised over \$2,100 during their April book sale. Chiocchi thanked the volunteers who gave their time to make the sale a success.
- Chiocchi reported that RCLS signed off on the Library's Annual Report and it has been submitted to New York State. She also attended the RCLS Bylaws Committee meeting in April.
- Trustee Lynn Tabbott joined Chiocchi for a meeting with attorney Dylan Harris regarding the unprecedented tax certiorari matter. A payment plan will be created with the school district. A reserve fund for future tax certioraris will also be established to limit the financial burden this current certiorari has caused.
- Finally, Chiocchi thanked Erica Gati for hosting a successful Directors Brunch, which was attended by about 20 directors from throughout RCLS.
- IX. Committee Reports
- a. Standing Committees
    - i. Physical Resources Committee – Parking lot work still in planning stage.

ii. Community Resources Committee – Trustees discussed plans for the May 28th event marking Chiocchi’s year at the Library.

iii. Human Resources – None.

iv. Sunshine Committee – None.

b. Ad Hoc Committees

i. Historical Society Committee – Progress on the next volume of the Local History Journal continues.

X. Reports from Partner Groups

a. Friends of the GPL&HS continue its monthly lecture events, which are well attended.

b. Junior Friends are wrapping up for the school year.

XI. New Business

a. Nominating Committee

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board appoint Mike Panzer and Alison Newman to serve on the Nominating Committee for the Slate of Officers.

Motion: Trustee Markey. Seconded by: Trustee Tabbott. (Approved 6-0-0)

XII. Privilege of the Floor

Goshen resident and employee Harlene Kresse asked about the status of a proposed memorandum of agreement for dental coverage.

XIII. Executive Session

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board enter Executive Session at 8:15 PM to discuss the employment history of particular individuals.

Motion: Trustee Tabbott. Seconded by: Trustee Newman. (Approved 6-0-0)

No action was taken.

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board exit Executive Session at 9:15 PM.

Motion: Trustee Newman. Seconded by: Trustee Panzer. (Approved 6-0-0)

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

XVI. Adjournment

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board adjourn at 9:19 PM.

Motion: Trustee Tabbott. Seconded by: Trustee LaBruna. (Approved 6-0-0)

Next Reorganization Meeting and Regular Meeting: June 8, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by: Meghan Boroden, Clerk of the Board