



**Goshen Public Library and Historical Society Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting of June 8, 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 7:14 PM on June 8, 2026.
Attendance:
Board members present: Emily Collado, Tina Fortugno, Heather LaBruna, Julie Markey, Michael Panzer, and Lynn Tabbott. Absent: Alison Newman. 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 up to item IV, after Review and Approve Agenda.
Minutes for Special Meeting on May 21, 2026 added as item b. under Approval of the Minutes. Bylaws amendment discussion under New Business will be discussed at a future meeting.
Motion: Trustee LaBruna. Seconded by: Trustee Panzer. (Approved 6-0-0)
- IV. Executive Session
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board enter Executive Session at 7:16 PM for advice of counsel, attorney Dylan Harris of Osterman & Hanna LLP.
Motion: Trustee Panzer. Seconded by: Trustee Fortugno. (Approved 6-0-0)
Action was taken.
[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board exit Executive Session at 8:07 PM.
Motion: Trustee Tabbott. Seconded by: Trustee Panzer. (Approved 6-0-0)
- V. Privilege of the floor – None.
- VI. Approval of the Minutes.
 - a. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 11, 2026.
Motion: Trustee Markey. Seconded by: Trustee Fortugno. (Approved 6-0-0)

b. [Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting on May 21, 2026 as amended. *Date corrected.

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

VII. Personnel – None.

VIII. Finances

Director Chiocchi delivered the Financial Report for May 2026, informing trustees that the Goshen Central School District administration has yet to deliver the final 10 percent of the tax levy, which historically is received no later than April. Chiocchi noted, that in addition to the financial strain this creates for the Library, interest is not being earned. She and trustees would discuss a proposed repayment agreement at length under New Business.

Chiocchi informed trustees of building and grounds projects she is exploring and funding sources for those improvements. These projects include repairs to sinks in the bathrooms, refurbishment of fencing along Route 207/Main Street and the previously planned parking lot maintenance. During the summer, Chiocchi is preparing to receive bids for snow removal for the coming winter and grounds maintenance.

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

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

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

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

IX. Director's Report – In her report, Director Chiocchi reported that overall visits to the Library were up over last year's statistics despite May typically being a quieter month for libraries due to warming weather and families being occupied with other events and activities. Chiocchi noted that students of Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in Middletown are frequent users of the Library's meeting spaces for studying.

Chiocchi reported that the newly installed outdoor musical instruments have been praised by patrons in recent weeks. This new addition will be promoted during the American 250 event the Library is hosting on June 25th. Local Eagle Scout Joshua Geller installed in the meadow the bug hotel he created. A springtime cleanup of the grounds was completed. Chiocchi reported that a tree from the neighboring property fell on the Library grounds during a recent wind event. Bids are being received for its removal.

Chiocchi was pleased to inform the Board that the final 10 percent of a Division of Library Development (DLD) grant will be arriving over the summer. She is working on proposals to State Sen. Skoufis' staff for consideration for future grant funding. Chiocchi continues to hold monthly department head and full staff meetings. Staff is

preparing for the Summer Reading programs. She particularly praised Librarian Lynn Banghart for the decorations in the Children's Room. She reported on seminars and trainings she has participated in through consortiums and New York State. Lastly, Chiocchi thanked everyone involved with the Meet the Director event held last month.

X. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

i. Physical Resources Committee – The arrival of sunny, hot days revived a discussion on sun shades for the patio.

ii. Community Resources Committee – None.

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 with plans to print in time for Great American Weekend.

XI. Reports from Partner Groups

a. Friends of the GPL&HS continue its monthly lecture events, which are well attended. The next speaker is Michelle Figliomeni who will speak about Goshen resident and Revolutionary War hero Henry Wisner.

b. Junior Friends – Trustees continued a discussion on the future of the group with Director Chiocchi.

XII. New Business

a. RCLS IT Contract

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the 2027 Menu of IT Services with the Ramapo Catskill Library System in the amount of \$50,729.

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

b. CSEA Memorandum of Agreement for EBF Member Plus Dental Plan

[Action item] RESOLVED that the Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society Unit of the CSEA to amend the collective bargaining agreement to add the Employee Benefit Fund Member Plus Dental Plan.

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

c. School District tax certiorari repayment plan

Trustees discussed the repayment plan proposed by the Goshen Central School District (GCSD). Director Chiocchi and Trustee Tabbott informed the Board that the proposal does not match the District's verbal proposal in the meeting held this past winter with District administrators. Director Chiocchi explained that the 2026-2027

budget put forth to the public and approved in April did not account for this late-arriving and amended proposal but rather the plan previously discussed between representatives of the Library and the District. Trustees expressed that they were dismayed to learn in Chiocchi's earlier Financial Report that the District is withholding the final 10 percent of the tax levy - \$185,000, despite it exceeding the tax certiorari amount owed by the Library. Trustees were further disappointed that the Library is losing interest on those withheld taxpayer dollars. A counterproposal that is more in line with the Library's budget, but still a strain, will be presented to the District. Further, the legality of withholding the final 10 percent of the Library's tax levy was questioned, which is now two months overdue. Demand for these funds is part of the Library's counterproposal. The repayment of the tax certiorari is a new burden to the Library's annual budget, which is approximately 2 percent of what the District's annual total budget is.

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 9:21 PM.

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

Next Regular Meeting: July 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by: Meghan Boroden, Clerk of the Board