

**Saugerties Public Library  
Regular Board Meeting  
Date: April 9, 2026**

**Present:** Trustees Paul Van Benschoten, Timothy Scott, Erin Poll, Yosefa Karchmar, Charlotte Herscher, Alice Graves, Valentina Kielland, Kerry McQuaide, Teresa Giordano

**Excused:** Rebecca Lang, Ken Goldberg

**Staff:** Director Jennifer Russell

**Public Attendees:** Raymond Rebholz from Friends, Bill Bar (arrived late) from Town Board

**Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM by President Tim Scott**

**Public Comment:**

**Friends of Library:** Ray

Friends next meeting on April 20 at 7pm. Street fair for May 30 is coming together. Mailing for membership renewal is going out

Ordered replacements for little free libraries and they libraries have arrived. They will be in the same locations. It is a rainbow selection of colors. A schedule for distributing is being made out.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. **Harassment prevention training:** Tim reminded people. Most people have completed. Tim will send a reminder email.
2. **Snow Removal:** Tim has done due diligence attempting to contact Village government 3 times. There has been no response. The Board decided that we will use outside snow removal services.
3. **Vulnerable Adults Policy:** Policy and Personnel Committee combined the language to make it one policy: "The Safe Child and Vulnerable Adult Policy." Erin Poll suggested that "mentally or physically challenged" should be changed to "mentally, physically, or behaviorally challenged."  
Tim made a motion to adopt the policy with changes to reflect "mentally, physically, or behaviorally challenged"  
Alice seconded it. Motion was passed.

**New Business:**

1: Annual Report

Paul: on page 34 on list of trustees, Paul is not listed. The document will be corrected  
Tim made motion to adopt annual report. Paul seconded. Motion passed.

**Secretary's Report: (Becky not here)**

**MOTION:** to approve the Secretary's report as written made by ,Tim and seconded by Yosefa  
All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer renewed 275,000 CD, the new rate is 3.03% and a smaller 6 month CD in the process of renewing at 2.54%.

**MOTION:** The total for the bills is \$30,018.71 ( includes higher Central Hudson, higher Mid Hudson, and new book purchases – some will be paid for with Carnegie Corporation funds)  
Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$30,018.71 made by Charlotte and seconded by Kerry  
All in favor.

**Director's Report:** Please see the report included in the Meeting Packet.  
Jen reported on ICE webinar, directed by librarian in Minnesota.  
Jen encouraged that people tell friends about passes to children's museum in Poughkeepsie.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance:** see minutes attached  
The Finance committee is in full planning stages for the 2027 budget.  
Next meeting: April 20th at 6:00

**Personnel/Policy:** Did not meet last month  
Next meeting: April 22 at 6:15pm.

**Facilities:** see minutes attached  
Getting going on garden. Met with Rachel Summerson. Getting another battery for lawn mower. We don't really need a back up generator, don't need to peruse it. A motion was made by Paul Van Benschoten so confirm that the library would not pursue the purchase of a generator in the near future. The board voted unanimously that we do not need a back up generator.  
Next meeting: April 21st at 6:00 pm

**Outreach:** See minutes attached.  
Talked about prepping for April 17<sup>th</sup> event and movies.  
Teresa reported on progress for April 17<sup>th</sup> Celebrate Libraries Event

Next meeting: April 27 at 5:30

Motion to adjourn at 6:40 PM by Tim Scott;  
Seconded by Alice Graves

Passes unanimously.

Submitted by Teresa Giordano

Next meeting: May 14 at 5:30 with meeting starting at 6:00