

Minutes of the
Ray Township Public Library
Regular Board Meeting
August 12th, 2026
Held at the Ray Township Public Library

The Ray Township Public Library Chairperson, Jim Jerse, called the meeting to order at the Ray Township Public Library

PRESENT:
Marla Stabile, Member
Christy DeMeulenaere, Director
Barbara Rollins, Secretary
Jim Jerse, Chairperson
Tammy Boettcher, Member
Mary Barnes, Treasurer

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: **Wayne Conner, Vice-Chairperson**

ALSO PRESENT: **N/A**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Received as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 20th , 2026
The minutes were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Barnes stated that

• Bills List	\$2,168.96
• Bank Interest	\$50.86
• Bank Fee	\$.13
• Payroll	\$3,801.31
• Payroll	\$3,933.48
• Internal Transfer Postage	\$108.19
• Total	\$10,062.93

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 12th, 2026 BILLS LIST

MOTION by Rollins, supported by Boettcher, to approve the August 12th Bills List and cover letter as presented for \$10,062.93.

AYES: **ALL**
NAYES: **NONE**
ABSENT: **Wayne Conner, Vice-Chairperson**
MOTION: **Carried.**

BUDGET TO ACTUAL

Barnes stated this will be reviewed under New Business, Budget Amendments

The budget to Actual will be filed for Audit

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DeMeulenaere reviewed the report with the board

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Grant Feedback

- Everyone loved the application and they felt joy reading it
- Both items were so opposite
- Focus on one or the other
- Lockers do not meet the criteria
- The case was not made strong enough
- Items that do go with the criteria include, education for the littles, teenagers and working with the non-profits, education, garden and trails.
- They will not approve any playground especially one that was picked out from a catalog
 - They will approve active play
- The playground felt disjointed from the library and it had no connect point.
 - Lost connection in the narrative
- Penal Fines \$1,781.61
- Centralized purchasing \$1,565.55
- Visit with the Coop

Summer Reading Program
Unearth A Story 2026

Total Spent: \$2,129.08 (\$129.08)

Registrations: 61

Week	Kids	Adults	Total
1 am	37	19	56
1 pm	18	17	<u>35</u>
			91
2 am	29	33	62
2 pm	10	9	<u>19</u>
			81
3 am	31	15	46
3 pm	16	10	<u>26</u>
			72
4 am	20	19	39
4 pm	12	9	<u>21</u>
			60
5 pm	43	22	<u>65</u>
Totals	216	153	369

Friends of the Ray Township Library and Historical Society

DeMeulenaere stated the Silent Auction is running through August 15th at 1:00pm. The group also has 2 Community Cleaning Days set up for August 27th at Procter Cemetery and on September 12th at Davis Cemetery both events will be held from 10-1.

Committees

Policies - N/A

Personnel: N/A

Budget - Did meet and will discuss under New Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Library Roof

DeMeulenaere stated that now that the Summer Reading Program has wrapped up there will be time to look for grants.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendments

Barnes provided the Board with the suggested adjustments to be made.

271-000-401.000	CURRENT PROPERTY TAXES	154,205.00	154,205.00	\$154,205.00
271-000-406.000	SOM PPT EXEMPT REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	0.00	\$100.00
271-000-417.000	DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	0.00	0.00	\$8,300.00
271-000-591.000	STATE AID TO LIBRARY	4,200.00	4,200.00	\$4,100.00
271-000-592.000	PENAL FINES-LIBRARY	2,100.00	2,100.00	\$1,750.00
271-000-651.000	ACTIVITY FEES	500.00	500.00	\$300.00
271-000-655.000	LIBRARY BOOK FINES	450.00	450.00	\$60.00
271-000-673.000	SALE OF ASSETS	200.00	200.00	\$100.00
271-000-675.000	DONATIONS	300.00	300.00	\$400.00
271-248-920.000	UTILITIES-ELECTRIC	1,200.00	1,200.00	\$1,500.00
271-248-920.001	UTILITIES-HEATING	2,000.00	2,000.00	\$2,500.00
271-248-940.000	RENTAL AGREEMENT	6,000.00	6,000.00	\$6,700.00
271-790-982.002	AUDIO VIDEO	600.00	600.00	\$1,600.00

APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MOTION by Rollins, supported by Boettcher, to approve the amendments as presented.

AYES: ALL
NAYES: NONE
ABSENT: Wayne Conner, Vice-Chairperson
MOTION: Carried.

AI

Conversation was had among the board as to AI usage in the Library. The Policy Committee will be meeting to set up a working document and possible temporary policy regarding the usage of AI with Library Staff.

ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Christy DeMeulenaere, Director

Approved by:

Jim Jerse, Chairperson

Barbara Rollins, Secretary