

Minutes of the
Ray Township Public Library
Regular Board Meeting
July 20th, 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
Wayne Conner, Vice-Chairperson
Tammy Boettcher, Member
Mary Barnes, Treasurer

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: N/A

ALSO PRESENT: N/A

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Received as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 17TH, 2026
The minutes were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Barnes stated that

• Bills List	\$6,091.00
• Bank Interest	\$51.48
• Bank Fee	\$.05
• Payroll	\$3,140.17
• Payroll	\$3,480.56
• Total	\$13,029.87

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 20th, 2026 BILLS LIST

MOTION by Conner, supported by Rollins, to approve the July 20th Bills List and cover letter as presented for \$13,029.87.

AYES: ALL
NAYES: NONE
ABSENT: ALL
MOTION: Carried.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL

Barnes stated the line items should reflect 25% and under. Everything looks to be in line.

The budget to Actual will be filed for Audit

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DeMeulenaere reviewed the report with the board

July 2026

- Grant Winners

https://cdn.ymaws.com/tln.org/resource/resmgr/documents/wilson/se_mi_rural_lib_grants_2026.pdf

- Olivia Sellars returning to the Library 7/16/2026
- Mary Barnes SLC Board Seat ending
- Deena's last day July 23rd
- Deena's Dinner July 30th @ Main Street in Romeo
- Renna's last day August 20th
- Asked for Grant Feedback will find out this Wednesday
- Book Club, now 2 sessions
- Brought the kitchen back to the kids room with a modified marketplace
- Always accepting items for the pantry
- Silent Auction July 29th-August 15th
- Kathy McKinney will be here at the Library on Monday July 27th from 1:30-3:30
- AI

Summer Reading Program

Week 1

Hatch & adopt a Dinosaur, Dinosaur shrinky dinks & cooked clay petroglyph

AM Session

37 kids and 19 Adults for a total of 56

PM Session

18 kids and 17 Adults for a total of 35

Total for week 1 55 kids, 36 Adults with a grand total of 91

Week 2

Create your Dino's Habitat & Find the Dinosaur

Had to cancel the outdoor option. We did offer for families to come in to build their habitat.

29 kids and 33 adults stopped by for a total of 62

Friends of the Ray Township Library and Historical Society

DeMeulenaere stated the group is preparing for the Silent Auction.

Committees

Policies - N/A

Personnel: N/A

Budget - N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board conducts an annual performance review of the Director

Barnes sent the Director's review to Board Members for review.

APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR'S REVIEW

MOTION by Conner, supported by Barnes, to approve the Director's Review as written.

AYES:	ALL
NAYES:	NONE
ABSENT:	ALL
MOTION:	Carried.

Fine Free

DeMeulenaere provided the board with an overview and updated policies for becoming a Fine Free Library. Discussion was had.

APPROVAL AS OF AUGUST 1ST: THE LIBRARY WILL BECOME FINE-FREE FROM OVERDUES. ALL PREVIOUS OVERDUES WILL BE WAIVED; LOST AND DAMAGED ITEMS WILL REMAIN TO BE BILLED.

MOTION by Barnes, supported by Conner, to approve, as of August 1st, that the Library will become fine-free from overdue fines. All previous overdues will be waived; lost and damaged items will remain to be billed.

AYES: ALL
NAYES: NONE
ABSENT: ALL
MOTION: Carried.

2026 Audited Financial Report

APPROVAL OF THE 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION by Conner, supported by Boettcher, to approve the 2026 Financial Report as presented.

AYES: ALL
NAYES: NONE
ABSENT: ALL
MOTION: Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Olivia Sellars pay increase to \$15.00 effective 7/16/2026

DeMeulenaere stated that Sellars is returning to the Library and would like to increase her pay to \$15.00 p/hr

APPROVAL TO INCREASE OLIVIA SELLARS' PAY TO \$15.00 P/HR

MOTION by Barnes, supported by Conner, to increase Olivia Sellars pay to \$15.00 effective 7/16/2026

AYES: ALL
NAYES: NONE
ABSENT: ALL
MOTION: Carried.

Library Roof

Jerse stated the Township has concerns about the library's roof. DeMeulenaere and Jones will start looking into grants for this project.

ITEMS FOR AUGUST

DeMeulenaere asked the Board how they felt about AI usage in the Library. A discussion was had and will be on next month's agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Christy DeMeulenaere, Director

Approved by:

Barbara Rollins, Secretary

Jim Jerse, Chairperson