

Alvah N. Belding Memorial Library
302 East Main Street, Belding Michigan 48809
Regular Meeting of the Alvah N. Belding Library Board
Library Board Minutes from June 23, 2025

Library Board Members Present: Ron Gunderson, Jan Lamborne, Jennifer Mierendorf, Andy Hurst, Cynthia Miller

Director: Britney Dillon

City Council Liaison: Bonita Steele

Guests Present: Betty Jenkins

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order by Ron Gunderson at 5:31 and roll was called.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:** A motion was made by Jan Lamborne and supported by Jennifer Mierendorf to accept the agenda, as presented. Roll was called and the motion passed.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Ron Gunderson and supported by Jennifer Mierendorf to approve the May 19, 2025 minutes. Roll was called and the motion passed.
- 4. Public Comment:** None
- 5. Library Reports:** Director's Report, Youth Services Report, Circulation Report, and Monthly Financial Report were all reviewed. These reports were received for filing.

a. Comments on Reports:

Director's Report: The outside library sign is fixed and operating with a new program. Lakeland has updated their patron privacy policy and is encouraging member libraries to revisit their policies. Britney Dillon said she will have the Lakeland policy and our current policy for us at the August meeting, with a recommendation about updating and keeping our policy.

Our Gather 2 Grow (Feeding America) program is going very well. There is good participation for summer reading.

Youth Services Report: The Summer Reading program kicked off this month, Story Time is booming and there are 7 teens for the teen program.

Adult Programs: There was a full room for the author presentation about the Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald.

The concert was also well attended.

Circulation Report: Hoopla and Kanopy use is up. Podcasts are also up.

Monthly Financial Report: On file.

- 6. Notice of Paid Bills:** A motion was made by Andy Hurst and supported by Jennifer Mirendorf to pay the bills for May. Roll was called and the motion passed.

a. Comments on bills: None

7. Communication and Correspondence:

- a. Betty's news articles

8. Unfinished Business:

- a. Ron Gunderson opened discussion about the the secretary position. He explained that since January, Jan Lamborne has been holding 2 positions, the treasurer position that she had accepted during nominations and she volunteered to do the secretary position too, since we were down 2 board members. Now that we have a full board, he requested that one of the new members take on the secretary position. Cynthia Miller graciously volunteered. A motion was made by Ron Gunderson and supported by Jennifer Mierendorf for Cynthia Miller to be the secretary for the library board. Roll was called and the motion passed.
- b. Britney Dillon is working on the Strategic Plan for the millage vote. She has 4 more slides to finish and she will put it on the website. It will be easily accessible for people and will give the highlights. She is also working on a survey for the community. She plans to have the draft done by August.
- c. We discussed the Employee Handbook, Sections 1 and 2.

9. New Business:

None

10. Public Comment:

Bonita Steele, City Council Liaison, gave a detailed report about the City Council. A few highlights were: The Council passed no chickens in the city. They also passed that residents can build a home with no garage and can have a shed instead.

The city is coming along with the waste water treatment project.

City Hall is still looking at January for using the new location.

11. Trustee Comments:

- a. **Ron Gunderson:** Thank you everyone for attending..
- b. **Jan Lamborne:** Thank you Cynthia for volunteering to be our secretary!
- c. **Jennifer Mierendorf:** No comment.
- d. **Cynthia Miller:** You're welcome!
- e. **Andy Hurst:** No comment.

12. Motion to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. was made by Jennifer Mierendorf and supported by Andy Hurst. Roll was called and the motion passed.

Our next scheduled Library Board meeting will be on August 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Lamborne
Library Board of Trustees Secretary