

**HART AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2025**

Minutes taken by Susie Gray, Assistant Director

CALL TO ORDER: 6:03pm

ROLL CALL: Nancy Sterk, Todd Metzler, Penny Burillo, Mary Sloan, Juan Cortes, Director Kathleen Rash, Assistant Director Susie Gray. Absent: Amanda Klotz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Burillo to approve the agenda as presented. Support by Sloan. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tammy Longcore of Golden Township commented on the Golden contract situation. She stated that her questions have not been answered. She addressed President Sterk and Director Rash directly with complaints. She asked specifically about grant writing as a way of paying for operations and asked why library operations have not suffered without an income from Golden Township.

Tim Beggs of Golden Township commented regarding last month's meeting and the complaint on the book Gender Queer. He felt that the library board had rounded up supporters for the book and invited the press. He also indicated that he felt police presence was unwarranted.

Jennifer Beggs of Golden Township complained that her book reconsideration request was not answered for three weeks and that a meeting was held quoting her request without notifying her. She stated that the board is hiding behind the Collection Development Policy rather than addressing the issue.

Dick Huntington of Hart praised the handling by the board of the last meeting. He commented on the Township contracts, speaking in support of the way the library is handling that situation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Metzler to approve the minutes of August 11, 2025. Support by Burillo. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing other than the Director's printed materials.

Motion by Burillo to approve bills and payments for August 2025. Support by Sloan.
Motion carried.

Motion by Metzler to accept financial reports for August 2025. Support by Cortes.
Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Written report.

CITY REPORT: No report.

TOWNSHIP REPORT: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Golden Township Contract: Discussion. Consensus of the board is to propose three options via delegated sub-committee involving board members Klotz and Metzler:

1. Set a contract at 3/10 mil instead of a dollar amount
2. "Reboot" the contract at \$25,000 per year for two years followed by an annual increase of \$5000 for the following 3-5 years, moving toward the ultimate goal of 3/10 mil
3. Set a contract at \$25,000 per year for two years with the goal of putting a millage on the ballot by the end of that time

NEW BUSINESS:

- Adjust budget for penal fine/interest income: Motion by Metzler to increase the budget line item 655 Penal Fines to \$28,185 and 664 Interest Income to \$20,000 for FY 25/26 increasing the budget income by \$17,185, and to adjust the expenditures by increasing line item 803 Program Services by \$3,000 and 703 Gross Payroll by \$14,185. Roll call vote: Metzler-yes, Cortes-yes, Sloan-yes, Burillo-yes, Sterk-yes. Motion carried.
- Staff training October 7 WSCC, Potential library closure at 3:30pm: Motion by Sloan to allow the library to close for professional development if needed. Second by Metzler. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: October 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved at meeting on: _____

Secretary

President