

Malta Township Public Library

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

August 11, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Call to Order (7:01 PM)

- Attendance -
Present: Roger McCollum, Rene McCollum, Megan Harding, Jennifer Garden, Jordyn Stevens and Janet Clark - Library Director. Absent: Amy McGuire and Britta Krabill.
- Determination of Quorum: Yes

Community Concerns - NONE

Guests - NONE

Approval of Minutes

- Megan Harding moves to approve the meeting minutes from July 14, 2026. Jordyn Stevens seconds. A roll call vote was held. All Trustees responded aye. Motion passes.

Approval of Financial Report

- Jordyn Stevens moves to approve the July 2026 financial report. Rene McCollum seconds. A roll call vote was held. All Trustees responded aye. Motion passes.

Director's Report - Director's Report was reviewed.

Old Business -

- **Front of building repair work**
We discussed whether we should still try to have the repair done this year or wait until the spring. Roger McCollum will reach out to Roger Kyler for an estimate to remove the soil from the area and to see if there is a possibility that Kyler might provide this service free of charge for the library. Roger McCollum will also check with Scott Kaelin in regard to laying bricks once the area is cleared and cleaned. The other area where the bricks are leaning we might leave for later.
- **Old furnace** - Janet Clark will check on pricing for a new furnace in the old section of the library. The plan is to get it replaced before it breaks down,

New Business -

- **Employee Compensation - Consideration of Wage Increase for Library Staff**

Hannah has done a lot of work with the 3D printer and has had a lot of good ideas. Janet Clark feels that Hannah deserves a raise for all of the work that she does; Janet Clark proposes that Hannah's salary is raised to \$17.00 an hour which is a 3% increase. Hailey Newsome is replacing Laura Chessman and will start at a lower wage of \$16.00 an hour instead of \$16.49. The total cost of all employee salaries will not increase. Jennifer Garden moves to increase Hannah's salary to \$17.00 an hour. Megan Harding seconds. A roll call vote was held. All Trustees responded aye. Motion passes.

- **2027 Consolidated Election**

All Board members, except for Jennifer Garden, need to run for office in the April 2027 election. Janet Clark included election information material in the board packet and explained the procedure to get signatures, etc. Each board member must get 25 signatures of Malta Township residents on their petition. The time is now open to get signatures. The Loyalty Oath, Petition and Statement of Candidacy need to be notarized and turned into Janet Clark the week of November 16-23. Statement of Economic Interests filing dates are October 19-26. This form needs to be turned into the DeKalb County Clerk.

Adjournment - (7:47 PM) Jordyn Stevens moves to adjourn. Jennifer Garden seconds. A roll call vote was held. All Trustees responded aye. Motion passes.

Next Meeting - September 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Rene McCollum, Board Secretary