Library Board Meeting

2nd Floor Admin Office
126 E Main St
Ionia, MI 48846

November 18, 2026

Minutes

Call to Order: President Yeomans called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Members Present: Toni Ann Buys, Isaac Magley, Kyle Ondersma, Ashley Reisbig and Gale Yeomans

Members Absent: Amy Fuller

Guests: Greg Yeomans, Senior Architect - Fishbeck

Other Attendees: Director Dale Parus, Manager of Library Operations Paula Wood and Union Representative Shanni Kerr

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Reisbig to approve the agenda, supported by Buys. Motion carried unanimously.

Fishbeck Continuation of Services Update: Gregg Yeomans, Senior Architect for Fishbeck presented the Professional Services Agreement Amendment 1 detailing the project scope, budget and schedule for the renovation of the Future Ionia Community Library building.

Previous Minutes: Motion by Ondersma to accept the October 21, 2026 meeting minutes with the amendment of correcting the audit report heading to read FY 2025-2026, supported by Reisbig. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: The October 2026 financial reports were received and filed.

Public Comment: None.

Director's Report & Statistics Report: The Director's Report and the October Statistical Report were received and filed.

Committees:
--*Finance Committee:* No report.
--*Personnel Committee (Yeomans, Buys & Parus):* No report.
--*Policy Committee (Miller, Buys, Parus & Kerr):* No report.
--*Building and Grounds Committee (Fuller, Reisbig & Parus):* No report.
--*Grant Committee (Yeomans, Reisbig & Parus)*: Letter of intent sent to the Office of Rural Prosperity to apply for $100,00 grant was critiqued and reviewed by the committee members.

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Continuing Business:

--*Ionia Community Library Foundation (ICLF):*

- ICLF has raised $564,000
- Cathy Hoppough created a Facebook video to challenge the public to match up to $5,000 in donations
- Live Local is challenging the community to match a $15,000 donation starting on Giving Tuesday-December 1
- The Foundation will be working to contact people personally and through social media for year-end giving donations to match the project budget for the Future Ionia Community Library Renovation.

--*USDA Rural Development:*

- The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) provided ICL SHPO's conditional approval of the conceptual drawings.

New Business:

--*Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) Voluntary Contribution:* **Motion** by Ondersma to make a $15,000 voluntary contribution to MERS, supported by Magley. Motion carried unanimously.

--*Grant Administration Contract – Riverside Grant Consulting, LLC:* **Motion** by Yeomans to accept the contract from Riverside Grant Consulting, LLC for a 12-month period to perform services to fulfill the reporting requirements of the USDA RD and LEO, supported by Reisbig. Motion carried unanimously.

--*USDA RD Grant Agreement:* Parus will file a waiver for the Full-Time Resident Inspector before signing the Grant Agreement. If the USDA RD requires the Grant Agreement to be signed first, Parus may sign the Grant Agreement and then file the waiver.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn by Yeomans, supported by Buys. Motion carried unanimously. Yeomans adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is 6 PM Wednesday, January 20, 2027.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Wood

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