Board Minutes: October 13, 2026

Present: Ann Zieno, Mary Jane Plummer, Nancy Hornung, Tom Gorman, Dave Dewey, Emelinda Gronwall, Patrick McGowan.

Meeting called to order by Ann Zieno at 4:32 p.m.

Construction Grant – 0386-24-0603 Security Cameras
Two sealed bids received and opened by Principle Design and Engineering:

- Adirondack Cabling & Security - $37,820
- Chimera Integrations - $58,375.78

Principle Design will review bids and report back with a bid recommendation

Staff Dialog
Allison Collins

Motion to accept the September 8th, 2026 Board meeting minutes by Tom Gorman, seconded by Mary Jane Plummer; motion carried.

Motion to accept the September 24th, 2026 Board meeting minutes which included Executive Session by Nancy Hornung, seconded by Tom Gorman; motion carried.

Correspondence:
October newsletter
Tamme DeMulder thank you card
Friends of the Libraries Tea Reception Note
Clark Construction quote for salting / plowing at Sidney and Masonville

- Motion made to accept the Clark bid for plowing and slating by Nancy Hornung, seconded by Mary Jane Plummer; motion carried.

Motion made to go into Executive Session at 4:52 PM by Emelinda Gronwall, seconded by Mary Jane Plummer; motion carried for topics of legal and personnel.

Motion to leave Executive Session by Tom Gorman at 5:28, seconded by Emelinda Gronwall; motion carried.

On September 24th, 2026, we received the written resignation of Pam Gilbert, Trustee of the Library Board. Motion made to accept by Mary Jane Plummer, seconded by Tom Gorman; motion carried. David Dewey has been appointed replacement until the next election. Motion made to appoint him to this position until June 2027 by Emelinda Gronwall, seconded by Nancy Hornung; motion carried.

On October 5thth, 2026, we received the written resignation of David Green, Trustee of the Library Board.

Personnel:
Posted PT Library Clerk position.

Financial:
Motion to accept gift from Friends of the Libraries of $66.49 for a wooden trainset by Dave Dewey, seconded by Emelinda Gronwall; motion carried.
Receipts presented
Disbursement presented
Standards presented
Board Claims in the amount of $130,702.57. Motion to accept by Tom Gorman, seconded by David Dewey; motion carried.
Check numbers 14301 to 14325 were confirmed and approved.

Completed application for renewal of Travelers Insurance Co. for Directors and Officers coverage
Surrendered $100K CD from Curley and rolled over $150K CD from Curley
Motion to recommend Tully Rinckey terminate the retainer as discussed in Executive Session by Dave Dewey, seconded by Tom Gorman; motion carried.
E-rate notice from Steve Bachman from 4CLS.
Amended award for Solar Panel project. We are getting an additional $16K due to a change in matching funds requirement.

Building / Grounds
Purchased new butterfly sensory panel to replace damaged sensory panel with shoelaces.
Submitted solar panel construction grant
Lighting upgrades installation started 9/30/26.
Repaired faulty urinal.
Upgraded nine staff PCs to Office 2024.

Collection Development
Renewed Comics Plus

Programming
- Coordinated a series of six 250th programs with local historian Scott Payne – 1 program left to go
- Reserved 20 holiday wreaths from Baxter's tree farm for the annual holiday wreath decorating program
- Reached out to linda shea re: card making workshops
- The rise and fall of the Chenango canal 9/26 at 1:00 pm historical program – cancelled due to performer issue – hoping to re-schedule
- Received SCRLC Erie canal historical installation for Oct / Nov
    - Erie canal museum re: revolutionary waterway: the Erie canal & the American revolution program oct 16 at 2:00 pm
- Nancy is coordinating an AARP driving program for an insurance discount
- Emergency preparedness program in November offered by department of homeland security
- Photography club is well attended
    - Working with: Keiko, friends, and photography club to begin an annual open juried photography contest
        - Presenting cost estimate to friends
- Scott Payne has developed a series of historical programs for 2027 themed about 1777 events following the revolution
    - Presenting to friends
- Coordinated with Terry McMaster for a historical talk 10/24/26
- Mah Jong is well attended, there is interest in expanding the program for new learners
- Art gallery receptions going well

Policy Development
Investment policy review tabled until receipt of advice from counsel – to be discussed at November Board meeting
Personnel Action Policy – review
Harassment Policy - in process

Unfinished Business:
Flat roof Grant – additional spending to expend $11K.

New Business:
Elevator grant implementation – November 2026

Friends of the Libraries:
Meeting Agenda and minutes

Other:
Refer to Director's Report
Hosted 4CLS Users Group meeting in September

Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn 6:34 PM by David Dewey, seconded by Emelinda Gronwall; motion carried.

Next meeting on October 13th, 2026 at 4:30 PM. Meeting to be held at the Sidney Memorial Public Library – Smart Community Room

Submitted by Nancy Hornung,
Secretary.