

**Galway Public Library, Library Board Meeting**  
*Wednesday, February 19, 2025*

In attendance: Board of Trustees: Cate La Barre, Jim Hodsoll, Santina Florio, Kat McCleneghen, Sue Wemple, Stephanie Todd Payton; Library Director Deb Flint.  
Absent: Jane Behrens.

Meeting called to order by Cate La Barre at 6:34 p.m.

**Public Comment**

**Minutes of Prior Meetings:**

Motion by Sue Wemple, second by Kat McCleneghen, to accept the minutes of 12/18/24.

Vote: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 1 - Motion carried.

Motion by Kat McCleneghan, second by Santina Florio, to approve the minutes of 1/15/25.

Vote: Yes 4, No 0, Abstain 2 - Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Motion by Stephanie Todd Payton, second by Jim Hodsoll, to approve expenditures listed in the registers below:

BSNB General Checking - 1/18/25 - 1/31/25

BSNB General Checking - 2/1/25 - 2/14/25

Operating Grants Checking - 2/1/25 - 2/14/25

Visa - 1/23/25 - 2/17/25

Receipts Log - 1/8/25 - 2/11/25

Vote: Yes 6, No 0 - Motion carried.

**Director's Report**

**Correspondence**

**Friends' Report**

**GPL Foundation Report**

**Capital Funds Ad Hoc Committee Report**

**Standing Committees**

Buildings and Grounds

Finance

Personnel

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

Annual Report

Motion by Sue Wemple, second by Stephanie Todd Payton, to approve the Annual Report for 2024.

Vote: Yes 6, No 0 - Motion carried.

2025-2026 Budget

Motion by Jim Hodsoll, second by Stephanie Todd Payton, to approve the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget as presented.

Vote: Yes 6, No 0 - Motion carried.

Tax Cap Resolution

Motion by Sue Wemple, second by Kat McCleneghen, to adopt the Tax Cap Override Resolution 2025-2026.

Vote: Yes 6, No 0 - Motion carried.

Resolution - Tax Cap Override  
2025-2026 Budget

Whereas, the adoption of the 2025-2026 budget for the Galway Public Library may require a tax increase that exceeds the tax cap proposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Galway Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2025-2026 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

Moved: Sue Wemple      Seconded: Kat McCleneghen

Motion adopted by vote of 6 in favor and 0 against.

C. LaBarre

Catherine La Barre  
President of the Board of Trustees

## Policy Reviews

### Yearbook Public Relations

#### Ice on Front of Building

Motion by Sue Wemple, second by Jim Hodsoll, to address areas of ice buildup by purchasing and installing insulation where needed, not to exceed \$300.00 for supplies.

Vote: Yes 6, No 0 - Motion carried.

### Public Comment

Motion by Jim Hodsoll, second by Sue Wemple, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Vote: Yes 6, No 0 - Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Santina Florio, Secretary