

Present: Jeff Long, Julie Simone, Ellyn Hotchkiss, Margaret Grosse, Pete Piraino, Carol Thompson

Community Forum: None

Convene: Jeff Long called the meeting to order at 6:29pm.

Minutes: The name of the candidate for Library Clerk as stated in the Director's Report is not Tammy Hart, the correct name is Tammy Hark. With this error noted, the motion to accept the minutes of December 18, 2025, was made by Carol Thompson, seconded by Jeff Long. Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- 11.14. Dale Estate - monies are received once a calendar year
- 11.17. Fines-Books}
- 11.17. Video.      }. Correction for October 2025 and November 2025 are noted on the
- 11.17. Sales-Books}. December 2025 Treasurer's Report
- 11.17 Copier.      }
- 11.14 Donations.    }

With the above information noted, the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Jeff Long, seconded by Margaret Grosse. Carried.

On January 12, 2026, Ellyn Hotchkiss and Margaret Grosse met with Patty Brown, local M&T Bank Manager to facilitate the changing of the Sweep Account.

Monetary Changes:

CD means Certificate of Deposit

Two (2) CDs for twelve (12) months at one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00)  
One (1) CD for six (6) months at one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00)  
One (1) CD for six (6) months at thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00)  
Reserve Account will be approximately ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00)

Nomenclature Changes

Sweep Account becomes Reserve Account  
Withdrawn remains Withdrawn  
Services Charges remains Service Charges  
Deposit remains Deposit  
Sweep Interest becomes CD Interest  
Sweep Balance becomes Reserve Balance

Director's Report:

Currently ordering books from Authors Notebook Publishing Company, Media, NY. Patty Galbraith & Margaret Grosse will take a tour of the company when weather is better. Patty has held a zoom meeting with their personnel.

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Director's Report continued:

Discussed when the library be closed. Julie Simone made a motion that when Keshequa Central School is closed for weather, Bell Memorial Library will be closed too; seconded by Ellyn Hotchkiss. Carried. The public will be notified.

The Dake Estate Statement has been received for 2026; the amount is the same as 2025, eighty five hundred seventy two dollars & ninety four cents (\$8572.94).

Beginning in 2027, a person employed as an 'odd jobber' may earn up to two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) per year without needing to receive an US 1099 form.

Discussed BBS (BB\$). In the past, the abbreviation stood for Baldwin Business Service; the business was sold and it now stands for Bennett Business Service. The former owner serves certain accounts through BBS.

FFRPL annual Grant Report has been approved by Kelly at OWWL. Jeff Long and Patty Galbraith will sign and return the form.

At this time there is no need for a new copier.

Jennifer Damon, Deputy Director of Human Resources, Livingston County, and Ron Kirsop, OWWL Executive Director continue to discuss the Civil Service Librarian job description and related items.

New Business:

Reviewed and discussed the 2026 Library budget. The motion to accept the BML 2026 Budget was made by Julie Simone, seconded by Carol Thompson. Carried.

Old Business:

Jeff Long will contact Ron Kirsop, OWWL Executive Director, as to the status of the BML expansion project.

The next scheduled Board meeting is February 19, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Adjourn: The motion to adjourn was made by Pete Piraino, seconded by Julie Simone. Carried. Adjourned at 7:3pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Grosse, Secretary