

**Fruitport District Library Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by President Anna Dudas at 5:32 p.m.

Present: Ruth Woodward, Bill Overkamp, Nan Riekse, Anna Dudas, Alison Anderson, and Teresa Folkmier. Pat Walstra was excused.

Also, in attendance: Matt Lubbers-Moore, Patricia Gallagher, Donna Esch.

The agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

REPORTS

Maintenance Report: Matt reported that the sign has been reinstalled. He also noted that there seems to be some leaking from the roof.

Library Report: The Director reported that we have surpassed 20,000 patrons for the first time ever, this fiscal year. The total was over 22,000 and beat last year by almost 4,000. We also saw an increase in loaned out items – for the first time surpassing 40,000 in a year. The Spring Break Carnival Program was also a huge success with close to 400 participants over the 3 day event.

Matt reported that he has been working to finalize the use of space in the Lakes Mall for a Library Activity Center. Board members were invited to join him on April 16th at 1:00 p.m. to make the final selection of space. This space will cost roughly \$800/month. Motion by Woodward and supported by Anderson to allow Matt to use up to \$12,000 of the grant money to prepay for this activity center.

The following grants have been received: \$16,000 from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council; \$2,000 from the Molina Insurance Co for Senior Citizen Socialization and Movement programs; \$1,000 from “Be Kind” (This last one would pay for a Celebration at the Mall on May 2). Trustee Riekse will be in contact with Sigma to oversee payout of grant money. This process was recently stalled due to lack of a needed password from the previous president.

Secretary’s Report: A motion was made by Riekse and supported by Folkmmier to approve the March minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: A review of financial information was presented by Trustee Dudas. A motion was made by Trustee Woodward supported by Trustee Riekse to approve payment of bills totaling \$10,156.86. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss Land Meeting Progress: Trustee Folkmier presented a first draft of our new survey. Trustee Anderson presented a first draft of informational posters to be distributed throughout the area and through the schools that announce the upcoming May meeting. Trustee Dudas

presented the first draft of the presentation she will make at that meeting. Discussion followed and changes were agreed upon. Additional duties were assigned in preparation of the May 14th public meeting.

Maintenance Position Status: Matt has been in contact with Kyle Paquin, who stated that his company could work as an “on call” maintenance provider for \$25/hour. Motion by Woodward and supported by Overkamp to allow Matt to contact him and confirm this agreement. Matt will then talk to him about the roof leak and assembling the lockers which have arrived. He will also ask if he’s able to start up the sprinkler system.

Facebook Administration Changes: Trustee Dudas and former Trustee Dillon were unsuccessful at making the needed changes due to not having the required password. Trustee Anderson will look into this further. If she is unable to get it changed we may need to start a whole new account.

Social Media Focus Position: Matt has received 6-7 applicants and will begin interviews in the near future.

Contact List: Trustee Woodward passed out corrected copies of the updated contact list.

Septic System Follow Up: Trustee Dudas reported that she checked with the septic company and we should not need to be pumped again until 2027.

Bond Follow Up: Trustee Overkamp reported that after some research it was determined that we are able to bond for a new building even if we do not own the property. If we go with the Pomona Park property, the Village would have to support this. Trustee Dudas also reported that she spoke with our lawyer – Scott Hogan from Foster and Swift in Grand Rapids (This firm represents the majority of libraries in the state). He also said that while building on property that we own is preferable, it is also ok/legal to build on land that we lease. If the latter is the way we choose to go, he would write the lease to be presented to the owner. He stated that the lease would not be able to be changed unless both parties agreed and that, should the Village vacate/disband, the Township would not be able to break the lease.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Position Administration Fee: After some research, it was reported that the majority of library boards are paid a small fee for attending regular meetings. Motion by Dudas and supported by Riekse to pay each board member \$30 per regular meeting attended. The president, secretary and treasurer will also receive their annual administration fees, but no additional amount will be paid for extra meetings, activities or outside duties. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Trustee Riekse will contact the bookkeepers to determine the best way to handle this (checks or direct deposit).

Sprinkler System: See Maintenance Report

Spring Clean Up/Yard Care: Trustee Dudas' Girl Scout troop will take care of this this year, including planting flowers in the pots, spreading bark, painting the new sign posts and possibly doing some raking.

Building Insurance approval minutes/waiting on invoice: The Village will send us an invoice in June and we will pay them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Reminder that our next meeting will be on THURSDAY, MAY 14 at 5:15 (Followed by Public Informational Meeting at 6:00)

Motion by Woodward, seconded by Riekse to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Woodward