

Bridgman Public Library Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 28, 2026 - 9:00 A.M.

Meeting Called to Order:

9:01 A.M. by Kole

Roll Call:

Present: Kole (President), Shaver (Treasurer), Jasnoskey (arrived before Closed Session began), Noll, Valauskas, Wilk, Worcester

Absent: Etter (VP), Collins (Secretary), Cichon

Staff: Hebert, Abele, Mantei

Approval of Agenda:

Shaver motioned to approve the agenda as written. Motion seconded by Wilk . Motion passed 6-0.

Guests:

Bernstein, Friends President

Public Comments (maximum 3 minutes per person):

None

Friends of the Library Representative:

The Friends donated \$1000 to the Library's 60/60 Campaign. A book sale will be held on September 11 & 12. More donated books are needed for the sale. Current Friends membership is at 82; the goal is 100. Friends officers have been working with staff to explore projects they can assist with at the library.

Committee Reports:

Personnel and Policy Committee:

- Updates will be given in the Closed Session.

Facilities Committee:

- The Facilities Committee is addressing the list of immediate building repairs, as well as updating the maintenance log.

Finance Committee:

- The Finance Committee has been finalizing year-end numbers. Audit will be forthcoming in October.

Director's Report:

- Hebert highlighted items from her written report: New shelving in the children's area was installed thanks to the generous donation from the Friends. We recently hosted a Michigan Notable Author visit with Zoe Persico. Building issues are starting to be addressed - including issues related to roofing, support beams and berm-related seepages. Windows, carpet and tile are all scheduled to be cleaned soon as well.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:

- Motion made by Shaver to approve the June 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the June 23, 2026 Budget Hearing Minutes as written. Motion seconded by Valauskas. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion Items:

- **Millage Information:** August 11 is the deadline to get information on the ballot for the November election. Or we have the option to until February 2028. An special meeting will be held on August 6, 2026 with the Board and the City Attorney to discuss what will work best for the library.

Action Items:

- **Bills for June 2026 - \$22,530.81:** Motion made by Valauskas to approve June 2026 bills totaling \$22,530.81. Motion seconded by Wilk. Motion passed 6-0.
- **Entered into a Closed Session:** Motion made by Noll to enter into a Closed Session at 9:34 A.M.. Motion seconded by Worcester. Motion passed 6-0.
- **Reopen Public Session:** Unanimous decision to reopen the public session at 9:55 A.M.

Second Public Comment (maximum 3 minutes per person):

No comments.

Communication and Correspondence:

None

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion made by Wilk to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 A.M. Motion seconded by Valauskas. Motion passed 6-0.

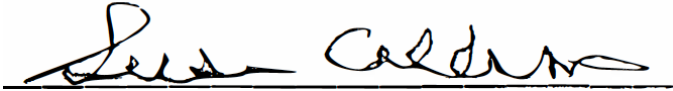
Next Meeting:

August 25, 2026 - 9:00 A.M. at the Library

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Abele

Approved by the Secretary:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Caldwell", is written over a horizontal line.

Date:

August 25, 2026
