

**New Baden Library Board Minutes**  
**New Baden, IL 62265**  
**April 14, 2025**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Diane.

Member's present were: Diane Hoerchler, Greg Sweet, Judy Baehr, Vivian Bossler, Jim Smith, Vicki, the Librarian. Absent was Jo Stroot and Travis Santel.

**Public Comments:** None

**Board Meeting Minutes:**

March meeting minutes were reviewed. Vivian motioned for March minutes to be approved. Jim second. Minutes were approved.

**Librarian Director Updates:**

-Vicki distributed the March 2025 Librarian report to Board members and the report was reviewed.

-The barcoding and inventory are complete. Any books that were out will be inventoried when they come back into the library. The shelves look a bit bare, especially the non-fiction, but patrons are just not wanting non-fiction.

-\$5.7M IL State library funding has been rescinded per an Executive Order. ILHS gets grant money for training, sorting machines, cataloging, delivery, webinars, etc., and they will not get the money starting 2026. There was a lot of discussion about what that means for the New Baden library. The Per Capita grant money we get will not be affected this year, but maybe next year. We get daily book deliveries, and it might change. Fees for some of our services might go up in 2026. There was a zoom meeting in Fairview Heights, but Vicki missed it. Vicki gets emails encouraging people to contact their elected officials, but so far that has not helped.

-After April Vicki will go to one of the Village Hall's monthly meetings and discuss parking at the library on the weekends. It has been an issue for a while. Vicki is glad the Civic Center is being used but not at the expense of the library patrons. Patrons have complained there is no place close for them to park for the library. The vehicles for the Civic Center park library workers in, block the mailbox and someone hit one of the library workers' vehicle. We realize it is a shared parking lot but there needs to be a compromise. There was a lot of discussion. Vicki will let the Board know when she is going to the meeting.

-Upcoming events: The April garage/book and bake sale is Saturday, April 26. If anyone is interested in baking, it would be appreciated. We would like to have another puzzle night, maybe May/June on a Friday night. We will be in the June Jamboree parade and throw out stuff for the kids and adults. The summer reading program will be every Wed in July. We have lots of stuff ready for it.

-The man who wanders around town has not been in the library recently.

**Financial Report:**

Treasurer's Report for March was reviewed.

-Vivian distributed the receipts and expenses, the overall budget for the year, the bills to pay, and the bank reconciliation.

-Vivian mentioned the Improvements to the building we did not budget for, but we had to do. There was a long discussion about what the library pays for and what the Village pays for. Basically, the Village pays for anything structural, and the library pays for everything else.

-Diane made a motion to approve the Mar 2025 financial reports, pay April bills and March debit card bills. Greg second. The treasurer's report was approved.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Jo still needs to complete her training.
- The CD that matured in March was rolled over for another five months. There is another one maturing this week and Vivian will check to see if it can be rolled over also.
- We purchased three new computers for the round table and two new monitors. The old ones went back to Lazerware.
- Chief Mackey took five letters to patrons with long overdue items. No response from patrons.
- Vicki sent an email about the bill for the door. A few weeks later she received a response there was no charge for the follow-up repairs.
- Two more people came to the library about cleaning. One was \$130 and one \$150. Current janitor is \$100. Vicki talked to the current janitor about things that are not right, and it has gotten better. Currently, Vicki wants to keep her.
- Germantown Gutters have not been easy to work with. After more calls back and forth it is possible they will come on Fri, Apr 18 to fix the gutters. The Village workers will take care of the shingles and have someone here when the gutters are fixed
- Greg is ready to install the little library. He will get with Vicki this week for the position.
- Diane reminded the Board she will not be at the May meeting and Vicki will take minutes.

### **New Business**

- Judy made a motion to keep the Library Officers the same for this year. Greg seconded. Approved. President-Jo Stroot, Vice President-Travis Santel, Treasurer-Vivian Bossler, Secretary-Diane Hoerchler.
- The security system we have has gone out. Vicki wanted a wireless one, but our system is already wired for coax, so we need to stick with that type. Vicki found a new system at Best Buy with the same monitor and box for \$300. She will check with Amazon for a cheaper price before purchasing.
- Vicki told the Board all websites are to be ADA compliant in accordance with Federal Law. Tecknow Solutions offers a plan for \$42 a month. They will monitor and make any adjustments that need to be made. There was a discussion on the cost of another law we must pay. Diane made a motion to hire Tecknow Solutions, so we are following the law. Judy seconded. Approved.
- Vivian presented the Board with a flyer from the O'Fallon library about what they offer. She thought maybe we could do something similar.

**Closed Session:** None

### **Adjournment:**

- Vivian motioned for meeting adjournment. Judy seconded. Meeting adjourned.
- Next monthly meeting will be May 12, 2025, 6:30 PM.

Respectively,  
Diane Hoerchler, Secretary