

Barker Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
January 8, 2024  
Town of Somerset Building, Haight Road, Barker, NY

**Present:** Board of Trustees: Kathie Smith, Cynthia Harris, Brian Carmer, Ashley Grabowski, Jessica Monaco, Lisa Thompson

Public: 2 in attendance

**Call to Order:** President Kathie Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
Pledge to the Flag

**Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report of November 13, 2023 was moved for approval by Trustee Carmer and seconded by Vice President Harris. All voted aye.

**Treasurer's Report:** ·President Smith examined the bills since our last meeting and reported that everything was in order.  
  
·A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of January 8, 2024 was made by Trustee Monaco and seconded by Trustee Carmer. All voted aye.

**President's Report:** ·Friends of the Library have approved the MOU with the BPL  
  
·President Smith and Director Thompson have met on Tuesdays to review vouchers  
  
·Contacted the Comptroller's Office and straightened out the fiscal year for the Tax Cap to coincide with the school  
  
·Reviewed annual budget  
  
·Focusing on contacting BCS regarding the tax increase and Board Election, working on a checklist for new BPL Trustees, and an article for the Banner regarding the BPL budget

**Director's Report:** Trustee Monaco moved and Trustee Grabowski seconded the motion to approve the Director's Report dated January 8, 2024. All voted aye.

**Old Business:**           • Status of Phase 2 of the Library Rebuild was discussed; Progress on the HVAC system has been noted

**New Business:**

- Vice President Harris moved and Trustee Grabowski seconded the motion to designate M&T Bank as the official depository of the Barker Public Library. All voted aye.
- Trustee Carmer moved and Trustee Grabowski seconded the motion to designate Kathie Smith and Jessica Monaco as the signees for the Barker Public Library.
- Trustee Monaco moved and Trustee Carmer seconded the motion to appoint Cynthia Harris as the Liaison to the Friends of the Barker Public Library for a one year term.
- Trustee Grabowski moved and Vice President Harris seconded the motion to approve Emily Platz as a part-time clerk at \$15.00 per hour (minimum wage) for an eight-week probationary period to become permanent at the discretion of the Director.
- Trustee Monaco moved and Trustee Grabowski seconded the motion to approve payment to the Village of Barker from the fire account for the building. The BPL is paid in full, but is holding \$78,000 (10% of the total). The BPL agreed to these payments in November and now has the exact amounts: \$124,480 and \$243,291.
- Trustee Carmer moved and Vice President Harris seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a new copier for the Barker Public Library.

**Public Comment:**       • No members of the public requested to address the Board.

**Next Meeting:**           The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm. The location of the meeting is yet to be determined.

**Adjournment:**           A motion for adjournment was made by Trustee Carmer and seconded by Trustee Monaco at 7:03 pm. All voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Monaco  
Secretary

