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The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Hudson Library and Historical Society was called to order at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 19th, 2025, in the Archives room by President Basil Musnuff.

President Musnuff directed the Board Secretary to call the Roll.

TRUSTEES PRESENT AT ROLL CALL

Mr. Woodrow Ban – y

Mr. Samuel Barnett – y

Ms. Beverly Dorson – y

Ms. Maggie Mooney – y*

Mr. Basil Musnuff – y

Mr. John Rydquist – y

Mr. Rob Swedenborg – y

Ms. Carleen Welch – y

Ms. Courtney Cahoon White – y

OFFICIALS AND OTHERS PRESENT AT ROLL CALL

Ms. Leslie Polott, Executive Director – y

Ms. Marie Turkovich, Deputy Fiscal Officer/Board Secretary – y

Ms. Molly Pandelli, Fiscal Officer – y

y* Joined Board Meeting after roll call at approximately 7:03 pm

VISITORS

Joseph Ortiz- Hudson resident, public comment

Hillary Sullivan- Hudson League of Women Voters

Public Comment

Mr. Musnuff invited public comment from visitors.

Mr. Joseph Ortiz, a Hudson resident proposed the consideration of the installation of an Electric Vehicle (EV) charger on the library property. Mr. Ortiz offered to work to raise the funds to pay for the (EV) charger and offered some handouts for discussion as well as answering questions that may arise later. Mr. Musnuff inquired about the cost of installation. Mr. Ortiz commented that the highest cost of the (EV) charger relates to the infrastructure to get the charging line to the (EV) station. He stated that there are currently three public (EV) charging stations in the area and one may be removed in the future with the closing of Joann Fabrics. The advantages and disadvantages were discussed among Board members and Mr. Ortiz.



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Minutes

Mr. Musnuff presented the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 28th, 2025. Mr. Musnuff invited any comments or proposed changes to the minutes. None were brought forth.

Resolution #2025-023: Mr. Ban made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 28th, 2025, Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Barnett seconded, and they were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Finance Committee

Ms. Welch stated the Finance Committee met to review the April financial statements and various library tax levy scenarios. The financial statement review was turned over to Ms. Pandelli to cover the monthly activity.

A. Fiscal Officer's Report

1. April Financial Statements
 - a. Payouts from the General, Private, Capital Improvement and Brewster Café Funds
 - b. Donations in the amount of \$6,147.49

In April, the library received almost \$108,000 in PLF revenue, which is 15.1% more than what was received last year. For the year, the library's PLF is up almost 9.3% while the state PLF is up approximately 15.7%.

Ms. Pandelli stated that the library is waiting to hear about the state's two-year budget. It is currently in the House Senate. She stated that It is still an unknown on what the PLF (Public Library Fund) will look like for July 2025.

In April, the private funds investment portfolio earned \$3,518.48 in interest and dividends and incurred a quarterly investment fee of \$3,750. There was a slight market decrease of almost \$2,800 leaving a portfolio balance of just over \$2,852,000 at month end.

The library received almost \$6,147.49 in donations in April, including \$4,500 from the Friends of the Library, \$1,000 from Eileen McClarnon for children's materials and \$190 for meeting room donations for an art class .

Resolution #2025-024: Ms. Welch made the motion to approve the April Financial Statements as presented. Mr. Barnett seconded, and they were approved by a unanimous voice vote.



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Ms. Welch introduced the discussion of the upcoming levy concerns, scenarios, and ballot decisions. She stated the Finance Committee discussed a renewal of the current 2.9 milage 5-year term with an additional .5 mil increase. Ms. Welch commented on the uncertainty with what the state of Ohio will pass regarding the budget and the PLF. The Finance Committee reviewed and considered various “what if” scenarios and had come to a consensus during the meeting of a placement on the ballot of the 2.9 mil renewal levy with a .5 mil additional. Mr. Swedenborg stated that the Committee and Ms. Pandelli felt a .5 mil additional should be sufficient for the levy term.

Mr. Swedenborg shared and emphasized with the Board that continued cuts and inflation are a concern. He stated that after further consideration, a .6 mil additional would be a better option with expenses increasing, tariff concerns and market realignments. Estimates to the homeowner with a home value of a \$500,000 would pay an approximate additional \$88 per year with a .5 mil additional levy whereas a .6 mil additional would cost a homeowner \$105 additional. He commented that he felt Hudson residents would support the library, understanding the cuts to libraries.

A discussion ensued on the costs to the taxpayers. Ms. Pandelli stated a renewal is based on the homeowner’s property value at the time that the original levy was voted into effect. The *voted rate* and *effective rate* differences were clarified. She stated the renewal levy of 2.9 mil is calculated off the “old” property values. The new/current property values will be used to calculate any “additional” milage approved by the voters.

Mr. Musnuff commented that there is an option for the library to seek a supplemental levy later if funds from the state are cut to the extent that the .5 mil additional was insufficient. Mr. Swedenborg commented that the uncertainty of funds has never been in more jeopardy than at this time. Mr. Rydquist and Ms. Mooney voiced support with the higher millage of .6 proposed. The pros and cons of scenarios and the support for the Hudson Library and Historical Society to the community was highlighted.

Resolution #2025-025: Ms. Welch made a motion to place a 5-year, 2.9 mil renewal levy with an additional .6 mils on the ballot of any taxing authority. Mr. Swedenborg seconded, and the resolution passed (y -8, n -1).

Directors Report

Ms. Polott presented the Director’s report and highlighted the *20-year Celebration Weekend*, flyers were circulated during the Board Meeting, and she highlighted the marketing efforts to promote the event. Ms. Polott requested Board Members attend in order to show support of



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the library.

Ms. Polott highlighted recent staff changes due to two retirements in the Technical Services Department, of longtime employees. Ms. Polott announced that new staff members moving into the Technical Services department were filled by current library employees, and stated the new Technical Services Department Head will be Ms. Halle Bagnato, a long-time employee of the Hudson Library and Historical Society.

Mr. Polott next commented on library outreach efforts, highlighted upcoming parent fairs, and participation in the Hudson Farmers Market in August in order to promote library services. She stated that the library will be creating a new library podcast to highlight and market our library services utilizing our *Alonzo and Marilyn Church Creativity Lab*.

Ms. Polott gave a facilities update, reminding everyone that the parking lot and walkways will be closed due to paving over the upcoming Memorial Day holiday. The library is closed Sunday and Monday for the holiday.

Friends of the Hudson Library

Ms. Dorson highlighted the recent Friends of the Library volunteer luncheon earlier in the month of May. She stated donations continue to come in. The Friends hope to be highlighted in *Hudson Life*.

Committee Reports:

Ad Hoc Committee on Regulations and Virtual Meeting Policy

Ms. Welch discussed the updated (ORC) Ohio Revised Code §121.221, that was distributed to the Board. The update in the (ORC) allows for the ability to utilize Virtual Meetings, once certain policies were passed by Boards. A draft policy was presented to the Board for consideration. Ms. Welch highlighted certain sections of the policy related to notice, publication and technology.

Mr. Musnuff stated the draft policy was mirrored after a sample provided by the Ohio Library Council with certain portions that were to be completed by individual institutions. He further clarified virtual meetings, all-virtual meetings and in-person meeting requirements. A discussion ensued related to all-virtual meetings, as well as the publication of the link for public participation.

Ms. Welch asked if there were any further questions or concerns to the proposed policy, none were brought forth.



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Resolution #2025-026: Ms. Welch made a motion to approve the Virtual Meetings Policy as presented. Ms. Mooney seconded, and it was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Welch stated the next Ad Hoc Committee on Regulations and Virtual Meeting Policy is set for Monday, June 2nd, at 6:30 pm in Archives.

Other Business

Ms. Mooney inquired of the ability to move Hudson Library and Historical Society Board Meetings to accommodate Hudson Library Board Members to attend other City of Hudson meetings where they are participants. Ms. Welch and Ms. Pandelli responded that the Board Meetings are set by the Regulations of the Hudson Library and Historical Society. The Membership approves the Regulations and not the Hudson Library and Historical Society Board.

Mr. Musnuff stated that the Board can approve the date change of a Board Meeting by a resolution of the Board, as has been done in the past for holidays and budget deadline dates.

Ms. Mooney stated that she would like to attend the June 23rd Board Meeting virtually.

Mr. Musnuff requested that the June 2025 Board Meeting Agenda include the consideration of Board Meeting date change for the July 2025 Board Meeting

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Mr. Basil Musnuff, President
Board of Trustees

Ms. Marie Turkovich, Board Secretary
Board of Trustees