



Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Caseyville Public Library District

September 10, 2025

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:57 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Mary Beth Reiniger, Dick Koblitz, Jen Mauk, Chris Bell, Katie Ekstrom, Jackie Keck, Joann Reiniger, and Terri Riutcel.
3. Approval of Minutes (08/13/25): A motion was made by Jen Mauk and seconded by Dick Koblitz to accept the minutes as written. All approved.
4. Public Forum:
 - a) Written Correspondence: No correspondence.
 - b) Audience input: No audience.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a) Community:
 - i) Friends of the Library: There were 14 members present at the August 14th meeting. The Treasurer's Report shows a balance of \$3,416.28. The next meeting will be held on November 13th at 6 p.m.
 - ii) The next Newsletter is pending at this time due to lack of funds for publication. This will be an annual publication. The status of the annual pledge letter is unknown at this time and the Dine & Donate Event is still in the planning stages.
 - b) Strategy – nothing to report. The tentative date for an updated strategic plan is still December 2025
 - c) Policy – The Gift Policy was reviewed and the only change made was to the ILA address. Jen made a motion to accept the amended policy and Terri Riutcel seconded the motion. All approved. A tentative date for an updated policy draft is still December 2025.
 - d) Finance: Jen Mauk made a motion to accept the August Treasurer's Report; Mary Beth Reiniger seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Director's Report:
 - a) Operation/Building Maintenance: Nothing to report at this time.
 - b) Human Resources, Meetings, and Trainings: District Leadership Team meetings will start up in September and will be held on the third Thursday of every month

This is part of the PBIS initiative. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports and is a framework designed to create and maintain a positive learning environment.

- c) Upcoming Events, Projects, Grants:
 - i) The August Director's Report was reviewed.
 - ii) The September 2025 Newsletter was reviewed.
 - iii) Class visits have begun.
 - iv) Memorials:
 - Bob Stephen: Plaque with picture.
 - "Shades": Tree and plaque.

Katie Ekstrom made a motion for Jackie to continue researching the most appropriate memorials for these two men. JoAnn Reiniger seconded the motion. All approved.

7. Old Business:

- a) Everyone who needed to do so has completed their FOIA and OMA training.
- b) Tentative Budget & Appropriation Ordinance [50 ILCS 330/3 and 75 ILCS 16/30-85]. Jen spoke with Phil (library attorney) who stated that it is "an unclear area of the law". This is in regards to the invoice we received from the village outlining our portion of the interest liability that was incurred due to the actions of the Village. Phil argued that we are not legally obligated to pay the invoice to the Village. That being said, both the library and the Village could incur legal fees to dispute this charge. Mary Beth made a motion that we approve the Tentative Budget and pay the Village \$15,091.14, making it clear to the Village we are doing so as to maintain goodwill between our agencies. Jen Mauk seconded the motion. Dick Koblitz opposed the motion, everyone else was in favor of the motion. Jackie will post the notice of public hearing as required.
- c) And to that point, when the TIF in question expired in 2021, we lost capturing revenue. To maintain standard revenue levels, Phil asked us to consider raising our rate.

Option 1: 4.99% is our current strategy

Option 2: 9% strategy for the next 3 – 4 years

Option 3: 25% strategy for 1 year

After much discussion, Terri Riutcel made a motion to adopt Option 3, 25% strategy for 1 year. Katie Ekstrom seconded the motion. Jen Mauk approved. Mary Beth Reiniger approved. Dick Koblitz approved. Chris Bell approved. JoAnn Reiniger approved. The motion passed. Jackie will reach out to Phil for next steps. An agenda item for October will be to continue discussion on how the board will field questions regarding this new strategy to the community.

8. New Business: Chris gave an explanation of the on-going cereal drive set to expire at the end of October.

During September and October, the Collinsville Unit 10 cereal drive is underway to benefit the Tote Me Home program. The drive is helping stock the Collinsville Food Pantry, which provides weekend meals for students in the school district.

9. Upcoming Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment: Mary Beth Reiniger made a motion to adjourn our regular meeting at 7:14 p.m. Jen Mauk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.