

Byron Bergen Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2025

Attendees: Sally Capurso, Katie Rumble, Anna Marie Barclay, Lauren Grimm, Nancy Bailey, Heather Kent and Shirley Wade

Absent: Kristina (Krissy) Bird

Meeting called to order at 5:59 pm.

**August meeting minutes are awaiting edits. Will approve at the October meeting.**

**FINANCIALS:**

For the month of September Vouchers: 135-143.

Total Expenditures for the month: \$ 3200.61

Total income for the prior month: \$ 67.01

**Motion to Approve September vouchers 135-143. Made by Anna. Seconded by Shirley. All approved.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Heather sent thank you to Richard and Maryanne Mayne.

**Library Manager Report:**

Nancy submitted report.

BBCA is doing the 2025-2026 phone book. Nancy would like to take out a full-page ad.

**Motion to take out a full-page ad in the BBKA phone book in the amount of \$200. Made by Heather. Seconded by Lauren. All approved.**

Nancy is going to skip the NYLA conference in 2025.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

2026 Budget will be finalized sometime in November or December.

Trustee trainings- Trustees are to do two hours per year. Two options in October are available also there are recorded trainings trustees may find.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Tax Levy for 2026:

**Whereas, the adoption of the 2026 budget for the Byron Bergen Public Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and**

**Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it**

**Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Byron-Bergen Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2026 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on September 10, 2025.**

**Made by Sally. Seconded by Heather. Approved unanimously.**

Municipal 414 Vote Updates:

County Board of Elections still must tell us what our proposition number will be on the ballot for the Municipal 414 Vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Board decided to ask the Town of Byron Board for \$20,000 in case the 414 Municipal vote is not successful.

**Motion to ask Byron for \$20,000 out of their 2026 budget in the event that the Municipal 414 proposition is not successful. Made by Sally. Seconded by Heather. All approved.**

Municipal 414 posters will be created by Sally after getting the proposition number. Will send those out to the printer.

Lawn signs will be completed by the end of the week and will be passed out.

The Byron public hearings. Shirley researched a bunch of options and has not been successful in finding a place to hold a public meeting.

Board to tentatively meet at the Byron Hotel (if available) to have presentation for the town of Byron on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm. Will have a cider and doughnuts event.

Legal notices for Municipal 414 vote. Board of Elections do one in the Batavia Daily. Sally to post the other in some publication that covers Byron.

Postcards will be sent out to Town of Byron residents. Will be two sided complete with FAQs. Postcards will go to taxpayers in homes, apartments, businesses in Byron and South Byron.

**Motion for Anna Marie to order postcards, with the price not to exceed the amount of \$500. Made by Heather. Seconded by Sally. All approved.**

The board subcommittee of Krissy, Nancy, Anna Marie and Sally are going to meet with Ernie Haywood on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Trunk or Treat 2025: There are two dates. October 18<sup>th</sup> is the village date and October 23<sup>rd</sup> is the STEP Boosters. Board is going with a pirate theme. Still working out the details with our Friends of the Library group and board volunteers.

**Executive Session began at 7:26 pm.**

**Executive session ends at 7:52 pm.**

**Motion to accept the 2026 budget in the amount of \$262,250.00. Made by Sally. Seconded by Lauren. All approved.**

**Motion to End Meeting at 7:55pm. Made by Heather. Seconded by Lauren. All approved.**

**Respectfully submitted by Katie Rumble**

**Next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm.**