

# LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES GARDEN CITY, MICHIGAN

APPROVED

LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES FROM **Wednesday, May 13, 2026**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Board President: Drew McMechan; Board Secretary: Lynn Cox; Board Members: Barbra Reddy and Janet Smith; and Library Director James Lenze  
Guest:

Absent: Board Vice President: Paul Werhane; Board Member Nancy Bailey

## **PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET**

No comments.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Board Member Reddy and seconded by Board Member Smith. Resolved: to approve the minutes of the Library Board Meeting of **Wednesday, April 8, 2026** and the Closed Session minutes of the same meeting.

Vote - AYES: 4; NAYS: 0 (Passes 4-0 unanimous)

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Director Lenze presented the financial report and bank reconciliations for April 2026.

## **DIRECTORS REPORT**

It was moved by Board Member Smith and seconded by Board Member Reddy. Resolved: to accept the Director's Report for the month as presented.

Vote - AYES: 4; NAYS: 0 (Passes 4-0 unanimous)

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY:**

It was moved by Board Member Smith and seconded by Board Member Reddy. Resolved: to enter into closed session after Public Comment, to consider the lease of real property in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.268(d)).

Roll Call Vote – President McMechan AYE; Secretary Cox AYE; Member Reddy AYE; and Member Smith AYE

AYES: 4; NAYS: 0 (Passes 4-0 unanimous)

### **PROPOSED BUDGET**

It was moved by Board Member Smith and seconded by Board Member Reddy. Resolved: After consideration and review, the Garden City Library Board adopts the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 (FY2026-27), as presented. Further, the Board appropriates \$777,740 for library purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. All other amounts shown are for supporting documentation, administrative control, and guidance purposes.

AYES: Members: Drew McMechan, Lynn Cox, Barbra Reddy, Jan Smith

NAYS: Members: none. (Passes 4-0 unanimous)

### **TAX RATE REQUEST**

It was moved by Board Member Smith and seconded by Board Member Reddy.

WHEREAS, the Garden City Public Library is a city library established under Section 10a of the City, Village and Township Libraries Act, 1877 PA 164; and WHEREAS, voters in the City of Garden City

("City") approved a millage in August 2018 at a rate of 1.0 mill that has been reduced by the Headlee Amendment to .8650 mill in 2026; and WHEREAS, voters in the City also approved a millage in November 2019 at a rate of 1.0 mill that has been reduced by the Headlee Amendment to .8920 mill in 2026; and WHEREAS, the Library Board held a public budget hearing on May 13, 2026, after notice of the hearing was duly given and published in the Detroit News on April 30, 2026; and WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10a (3) of PA 164, the Library Board "shall prepare an estimate of the amount of money necessary for the support and maintenance of the free public library for the ensuing year, not to exceed 2 mills on the dollar of the taxable property of the city" and "shall report the estimate to the legislative body of the city"; and WHEREAS, also pursuant to Section 10a (3) of PA 164, the City Council "shall raise by tax upon the taxable property in the city the amount of the estimate in the same manner that other general taxes are raised in the city"; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1) The Library Board approves and certifies the levy of a total millage rate of 1.7570 mills, comprised of .8650 mill for the 2018 millage and .8920 mill for the 2019 millage, to be levied in July 2026; 2.) The Library Director shall submit a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and Council of Garden City, and the Garden City Clerk and Treasurer as soon as possible; 3.) All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are rescinded.

AYES: Members: Drew McMechan, Lynn Cox, Barbra Reddy, Jan Smith

NAYS: Members: none. (Passes 4-0 unanimous)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board entered closed session at 7:35 PM

The Board returned from closed session at 7:48 PM

### **NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY (Continued):

It was moved by Board Member Reddy and seconded by Board Member Smith. Resolved: to approve the lease agreement between the Garden City Public Library (tenant) and City of Garden City (landlord) with the following proposed change: Under Section 3(f), delete "Tenant shall continue to pay for utilities and services as provided herein."

Vote - AYES: 4; NAYS: 0 (Passes 4-0 unanimous)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM.