

**Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library
109 S. State Street, Hampshire, IL 60140
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
March 23, 2026**

Call to Order: President Linda Wallace called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Trustees Kim Alberth, Pat Dumoulin, Morgan Kolecke, Suzanne Lattanzio, Judy Pokorny, Kathy Eller and Linda Wallace.

Absent: None

Staff Members: Executive Director Stephen Bero, Youth Services Manager/Assistant Director Heather Swanson, Library Services Manager Robin Evert, Adult/Technical Services Manager Susie Stanley.

Public: Cindy Jerger, Beth Keppler and Doug Pfeiffer from Dewberry

Pledge of Allegiance: President Wallace led those gathered in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes/Corrections to the Agenda: None

Questions/Comments-Public/Media: None

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting: Motion by Trustee Lattanzio and second by Trustee Eller to approve the minutes from the Regular Hearing held on February 23, 2026. The minutes were approved by voice-vote consensus.

Executive Session: Motion by Trustee Dumoulin and second by Trustee Pokorny to approve the minutes from the Executive Session of the Board of Trustees held on February 23, 2026. The minutes were approved by voice-vote consensus.

Regular Meeting: Motion by Trustee Alberth and second by Trustee Kolecke to approve the minutes from the Regular Hearing held on March 9, 2026. The minutes were approved by voice-vote consensus.

Executive Session: Motion by Trustee Dumoulin and second by Trustee Eller to approve the minutes from the Executive Session of the Board of Trustees held on March 9, 2026. The minutes were approved by voice-vote consensus.

Treasurer's Report:

- Approval of Bills for March 2026; Payrolls for February 2026. Motion by Trustee Eller and second by Trustee Lattanzio to approve the March 2026 Bills in the amount of \$34,040.56 and February Payrolls in the amount of \$37,215.52. The Bills and Payrolls were approved by voice-vote consensus.
- Financial Report-March 2026

Director's Report:

- Department Reports
- Circulation/Programming/Database Statistics
- PrairieCat Administrative Council Brief-March 6, 2026
- Friends Minutes-March 3, 2026

Director's Report:

Director Bero reported that the library has acquired a donated wheeled walker for patron use within the facility. He also noted that Randy Ross has completed work on the flagpole and that the first print newsletter has received positive feedback.

President's Report: President Wallace shared positive feedback regarding the print newsletter. She also reminded the Board about the additional April Board meeting and updated schedule.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A. Presentation of concepts by Dewberry Architects for interior remodeling of the Hampshire facility.

Beth Keppler of Dewberry gave a presentation to the board.

Motion by Trustee Dumoulin and second by Trustee Alberth that the board choose Site Plan 02 by Dewberry Architects for remodeling the interior of the Hampshire library building. The motion was approved by voice-vote consensus.

Discussion: Trustee Pokorny shared that she received a certified letter from the Village of Hampshire regarding the annexation of land near Allen Rd and Briar Hill Rd. The Board had a brief discussion.

Adjournment: Trustee Dumoulin motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, seconded by Trustee Lattanzio. President Wallace adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Closing of the meeting was approved by voice-vote consensus.

A Special Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, April 20, 2026
The next Regular Board Meeting is at 5:00 PM on Monday, April 27, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Swanson

Kim Alberth, Board Secretary