

**Rauchholz Memorial Library Board Meeting  
January 5, 2026 6:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Samantha McKenzie  
Sharon King  
Pamela Perry  
James Murphy  
Diane Raths

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Carl Bruse

**ALSO PRESENT:** BillieJo Bluemer, Library Director

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Rauchholz Memorial Library Board was called to order by President S. King at 6:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** J. Murphy moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** S. McKenzie made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting. Motion carried.

**BILLS AND EXPENDITURES:** Bills were reviewed for December, 2025. S. McKenzie made a motion to pay those bills. A roll call vote was taken: S. McKenzie, yes; S. King, yes; P. Perry, yes; J. Murphy, yes; D. Raths, yes. Motion carried.

**BUDGET REVIEW (FINANCIALS):** Due to a change in township computer programs, revenue and expenditure reports were not available for December, 2025. They will be reviewed at the February meeting of the Library Board.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** B. Bluemer gave her director's report (see attached), and introduced some examples of a learning skills collection of games and books for children with special needs.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** none

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Library Renovations: B. Bluemer shared her experience at a recent convention, which lead to a reconsideration of the needs of the Library. After discussion of a preliminary drawing of an addition, D. Raths made a motion to pursue the drawing/design of such an addition. A roll call vote was taken: S. McKenzie, yes; S. King, yes; P. Perry, yes; J. Murphy, yes; D. Raths, yes. Motion carried.

Cleaning Company: B. Bluemer explained that the bi-monthly cleaning of the Library would begin Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

America News Database: Following discussion of the online newspaper database introduced at the December Board meeting, and after learning that service could be set up now (with billing to begin in April), the Board approved D. Raths' motion to subscribe to both Access World News and International News by a roll call vote: S. McKenzie, yes; S. King, yes; P. Perry, yes; J. Murphy, yes; D. Raths, yes.

Digital Sign Update: B. Bluemer informed the Board about various details of the electronic sign that was reviewed from Sign Image (size, cost, zoning). A second company will be sharing their information with the Library in January, allowing further discussion at the February Board meeting.

Emergency Policy: Good Samaritan Law: B. Bluemer explained to the Board that employees are protected under the U.S. Good Samaritan Law, and may also be covered by Michigan law, the bill for such coverage having been passed by the House, but not yet by the Senate.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Set Date/Time for Special Budget Meeting: The special budget meeting will occur from 6:00 p.m. to (approximately) 6:15 p.m. on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, just prior to the regular Board meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** A. Sensabaugh commented that she looks forward to being able to read M-Live on the America News.

**ADJOURNMENT:** J. Murphy made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

The special budget meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. followed immediately by the next Board meeting at 6:15 p.m. on February 2, 2026.

Respectfully submitted, James Murphy, Secretary