



4 Municipal Plaza • Monroe Township, NJ 08831 • (732) 521-5000 • www.monroetwplibrary.org

**MINUTES OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

<u>Members:</u>		<u>Staff:</u>
Ben Baum	Bernadette Yannacci	Karen Klapperstuck
Lisa Chen	Kelly Strenkowski	Lynnette Fucci
Chris Ryan	Kelly Roselle	
Prena Shah		<u>Student Representative:</u>
	Bob Isaacs (virtual)	Meghana Mopidevi (virtual)
<u>Guest:</u> Allan Marain		

The meeting of the Monroe Township Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Ben Baum.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

It was noted that this meeting was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 19 MEETING

The minutes from the May 19, 2026 meeting of the Library Board of Trustees were presented.

Kelly Strenkowski moved to approve the April minutes as presented, and the motion was seconded by Lisa Chen. The motion carried with all members in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2026 BUDGET

Karen Klapperstuck reported that the Library received an updated 2026 budget worksheet from the Township reflecting a revised reimbursement amount. The revised budget is included in the trustee packet for Trustee. The Board will also need to pass a revised resolution for the payments to the Township.

FARMERS MARKET

Karen also announced that the first Farmers Market of the season is scheduled for June 25, marking the fifth year of the market.

Karen reported that the remote pick-up lockers at the Community Center have been delivered and wrapped. Lockers for the Senior Center are scheduled for delivery on June 30. Staff will complete training and testing prior to the planned public launch of the service in July.

SOLAR PANEL UPDATE

Karen reported that directional boring for the solar carport underground wiring was completed between May 26 and May 29. The work had minimal impact on library operations, with only a

limited number of parking spaces temporarily unavailable. Remaining construction is scheduled to resume after the conclusion of the Farmers Market season on September 10.

GOLF OUTING

Karen reported that the third Foundation Golf Outing was held on June 8. Several Trustees attended the luncheon, and family members participated in the event. Final fundraising totals were not yet available at the time of the report.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

STELLA OFFLINE

Lynnette Fucci reported that the Library's Polaris catalog system will be offline from June 15 through June 17 as final preparations are completed for the addition of Asbury Park to the STELLA consortium. During the outage, patrons will be unable to access their accounts, register for events or reserve study rooms.

REV250

Lynnette reported that the Library will participate in the Township's weeklong celebration of America's 250th anniversary beginning June 29. As part of the celebration, the Library will host a self-guided "History Hunt" on July 1, highlighting ten historic locations throughout Monroe Township, including Revolutionary War encampment sites associated with General George Washington and General Charles Lee. Library staff will also be present at Dey Farm from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to distribute commemorative pins and lanyards to participants.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Karen presented the financial report. She noted that expenditures for the Farmers Market have exceeded the allocated budget and will be adjusted in the 2027 budget. Printing expenses are also higher than anticipated due to costs associated with the wraps for the Anytime Pickup Lockers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Marilyn Gonyo reported that the Friends of the Library remain active and engaged. Following a successful Spring Book Sale, volunteers are preparing for the Farmers Market season, where they will promote membership and sell books. The Friends will hold their Annual Meeting next week to elect officers for the next two-year term. They have renewed museum memberships for patrons, will continue the International Film Series throughout the summer and recognized three scholarship recipients with \$1,000 awards each. Marilyn also shared that the Friends have purchased a digital picture frame to highlight their activities and contributions and will be funding new blinds in the Activity Room and the Summer youth literacy program.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION

MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Kelly Roselle reported that the eighth grade moving-up ceremony is scheduled for June 22. The District will offer full-day kindergarten in September 2026. The next Board of Education meeting will be held on June 17, 2026, and will include Student Recognition Day. Graduation is scheduled for June 23 at 3:00 p.m. at the Cure Insurance Arena.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative Meghana Mopidevi reported that the HOSA-sponsored library program she organized was well attended, with more than 30 children participating. The event was positively received by attendees and their families. Meghana also reported that final examinations at the high school are scheduled for June 16 through June 19, with students attending half-day sessions. June 22 and June 23 have been designated as half-day makeup days. With the school year concluding, no additional updates were reported.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Res: 2026-9

*Whereas the Monroe Township Public Library's reimbursement to the Township of Monroe has been decreased to \$1,618,460.00 annually and,
Whereas the Monroe Township Public Library Board of Trustees wishes to adjust the Township Reimbursement line in the operating budget by \$83,580.00 to reflect the decrease,
Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Monroe Township Public Library Board of Trustees does agree to decrease the Township Reimbursement line by \$83,580.00. The 2026 payment schedule is listed below.*

\$471,979.00- March
\$382,160.34- June
\$382,160.33- September
\$382,160.33- December
\$1,618,460.00- Total Payment 2026

The motion carried unanimously.

Prena Shah made a motion to approve the revised 2026 operating budget to reflect a decrease of \$83,580.00 in the Township Reimbursement line and adjust the annual reimbursement from the Township of Monroe to \$1,618,460.00.

Lisa Chen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ACTION BILLS

Bob Isaacs moved to approve the payment of bills numbered 19766-19806 in the amount of \$418,107.67. Bernadette Yannacci seconded. All were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Monroe Township Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Bob Isaacs moved to adjourn the meeting. Prena Shah seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnette Fucci