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**BRIDGEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
February 9, 2026**

Trustee Anna Ziaja-Castillo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Upon roll call the following Trustees were present:** Alice Porfirio, Alic Vilimek, Nick Lamnatos and Anna Ziaja-Castillo

**Absent:** Betty Martinez and Marwan Al Safadi

**Attendees:** Director Chris Sebuck, Assistant Director Kathryn Blessman & Attorney Safaa Zarzour

Trustee Anna Ziaja-Castillo led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2026-005** Motion by Trustee Porfirio and seconded by Trustee Vilimek approve the agenda.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: 4 Porfirio, Lamnatos, Castillo & Vilimek

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Martinez & Al Safadi

***Motion Carried***

**2026-006** Motion by Trustee Porfirio and seconded by Trustee Vilimek approve Open Session minutes for January 12, 2026.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: 4 Porfirio, Lamnatos, Castillo & Vilimek

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Martinez & Al Safadi

***Motion Carried***

**2026-007** Motion by Trustee Vilimek and seconded by Trustee Porfirio to approve the three consents

Agenda Items as Listed:

- a. Approval of Treasurer's Report – January 2026
- b. Prepaid Bills in the Amount of \$50,897.920
- c. Bills in the Amount of \$20,159.70

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: 4 Porfirio, Lamnatos, Castillo & Vilimek

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Martinez & Al Safadi

***Motion Carried***

○ **Directors Report:**

Director Sebuck provided an update on the following:

- LK Construction completed property cleaning
- Director completed the following filing: IPLAR, Annual Library Certification, Annual Per capita, and Annual Non-Resident card filing.
- LK Construction continues repairs related to building water damage.
- An application was received for the open Board of Trustee position. The Board has requested the candidate attend the next Board meeting.
- Carrier contractor performed boiler repairs
- Jeff – CDK Accounting Group, advised that, if needed, if Bridgeview Library may request a temporary loan from the Village of Bridgeview
- Two smaller Cashed Bank CD's were cashed into checking accounts to meet payroll while awaiting grant funds.

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- **Attorney Report:**
  - Attorney Safaa Zarzour update on NSS: As you all recall The Board of Trustees approved the award of an emergency contract to NSS Exterior, contingent upon submission and approval of the required permit application. The Village of Bridgeview Building Commissioner and Mayor Landek reviewed the permit application and requested a brief delay to ensure that a qualified expert is formally commissioned for the project.  
Additionally, given the length of time invested and as the project moves toward review finalization, the Village recommended obtaining a general contractor, Ken DeVries was recommended. He has reviewed the permit and drawing and requested additional paperwork. A second bid may be considered, as the project timeline has not yet been approved.
- **Committee Report**
  - Finance – no report
  - Policy/By-Laws – no report
- **Unfinished Business items:**
  - Foundation Waterproofing Discussion and Action – project timeline will be determined for a later day.
  - Sewer Televising Discussion and Action – awaiting Bridgeview Village Public Works availability
- **New Business:**
  - Library Board Trustee Applicants
- **Items for next Agenda**
  - A Trustee requested Director Sebuck to research Banks CD interest rates in the area.

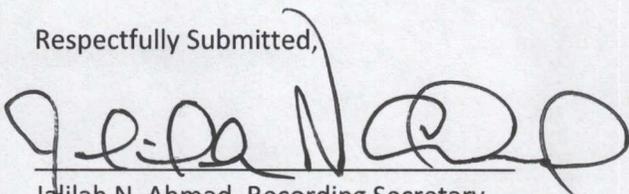
**2026-008** Motion by Trustee Lamnatos and seconded by Trustee Vilimek to adjourn.

Upon voice vote with all Trustees ayes and no nays:

**Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm

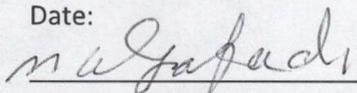
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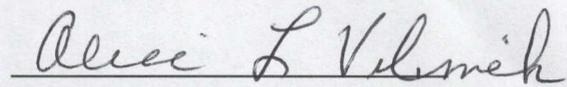
  
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Jalilah N. Ahmad, Recording Secretary

Approved:

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Date:

  
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Marwan Al Safadi, President

  
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Alice Vilimek, Secretary