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**BRIDGEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
May 11, 2026**

President Marwan Al Safadi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Upon roll call the following Trustees were present:** Alice Porfirio, Alice Vilimek, Anna Ziaja-Castillo, Betty Martinez and Marwan Al Safadi

**Absent:** Nick Lamnatos

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

President Marwan Al Safadi led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2026-018** Motion by Trustee Castillo and seconded by Trustee Porfirio approve the agenda.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 Porfirio, Castillo, Vilimek, Martinez & Al Safadi

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Lamnatos

***Motion Carried***

Mayor Landek, John C. Altar Village Clerk, Village of Bridgeview Trustee Laura Cardenas and friends and family were all in attendance to witness the swearing-in of Anthony Roebach. A memorable moment surrounded by those who have supported and believed in his journey in Bridgeview.

**2026-019** Motion by Trustee Vilimek and seconded by Trustee Roebach approve Open Session minutes for April 13, 2026.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 Porfirio, Castillo, Vilimek, Martinez, Al Safadi & Roebach

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Lamnatos

***Motion Carried***

**2026-020** Motion by Trustee Vilimek and seconded by Trustee Castillo to approve the three consents Agenda Items as Listed:

- a. Approval of Treasurer's Report – April 2026
- b. Prepaid Bills in the Amount of \$28,050.25
- c. Bills in the Amount of \$49,672.33

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 Porfirio, Castillo, Vilimek, Martinez, Al Safadi & Roebach

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Lamnatos

***Motion Carried***

○ **Directors Report:**

Director Sebeck provided an update on the following:

- Ongoing building projects, including floor and flood repair work. Work continues in phases, with the children's materials being moved back into place and cleaning underway due to the dust from construction.
- GW & Associates were onsite for approximately three days reviewing fiscal year 2025 records. Property tax disbursements from the county continue to be received, though timing and year allocation remain unclear due to county tax processing delays.

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- Mayor Landek conducted a walkthrough with Public Works to review the areas impacted by flooding, including the damage from the July 2025 flood. Digitized building plan, photos and prior waterproofing proposals were shared with Mayor.
- Current funds received are approximately \$950,000K, pending further clarification.
- The Board inquired about several items from the packet, including the following:
  - discrepancy on the garbage billing charges from SBC. Director Sebuck will follow up to determine the reason for the unusual billing amounts.
  - Demco Purchases related to shelving and furniture. Additional shelving and desks are expected as part of the ongoing updates, especially in the children.
  - Illinois tax disbursement status, The Library recently received approximately \$36K and is working with Cook County to gain access to reporting. Director states current funds are sufficient to cover bill and upcoming obligations.
- **Attorney Report:**
  - Attorney Zarzour – The attorney reported that the library received and responded to the auditor’s legal inquiry letter as part of the annual audit process.
  - The response indicated there were no pending legal matters or litigation requiring disclosure at this time. Attorney clarified for the record that perma-seal waterproofing and the other company’s submissions were proposals not bids. He followed up on the maintenance agreement with the generator service provider below the threshold requiring competitive bidding.
  - Attorney Zarzour met with Mayor Landek to discuss Village’s Public Works department to tentative timeline of completion before the fall season.
- **Committee Report**
  - Finance – no report
  - Policy/By-Laws – no report
- **Unfinished Business items:**
  - None
- **New Business:**
  - None
- **Items for next Agenda**
  - None
- **Comments:**
  - Trustees requested a breakdown of Library staffing, Director and Assistant Director provided a breakdown of approximately 17 employees, including 4 full-time staff and remainder part-time with some part-time employees qualifying for IMRF.

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**2026-021** Motion by Trustee Castillo and seconded by Trustee Martinez to adjourn.  
Upon voice vote with all Trustees ayes and no nays:  
**Motion Carried.**  
Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,




Jalilah N. Ahmad, Recording Secretary

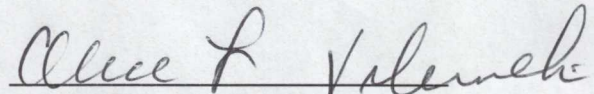
Approved:

06/08/2026

Date:



Marwan Al Safadi, President



Alice Vilimek, Secretary