

**Minutes of the
Special Meeting of the Chippewa Falls Public Library Board of Trustees
March 24, 2025**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Ambelang at 5:00 p.m. in the Wissota Meeting Room of the Chippewa Falls Public Library.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present: Ambelang, Jilek-Proue, Newton, Rasmus

Members Absent: Houkom, Jones, Martell

Others Present: Director Joe Niese, Confidential Administrative Assistant Deb Braden, Jason Hiess, Brad Hentschel, John Monarski

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Rasmus, seconded by Jilek-Proue to approve the Agenda., All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.

4. New Business

a) Discussion on new building

Conversation about new Library project. Brad Hentschel was present to help with the discussion. Alderman Scott Sullivan stopped in earlier to the Library and talked with Director Niese. He is interested and a supporter of a new Library. Mayor Hoffman had indicated he was a supporter of a new Library and wanted the Board of Trustees to get the ball rolling. John Thompson from IFLS is also available to help with the plans for a new Library. He conducted in 2020 report a Facility and Space Needs Report.

Brad Hentschel stated he would help as a team member as needed. He worked with different library projects when he was employed by SCH. He worked with getting grant funding for Wisconsin projects. Community Impact Eligible Grants.

Library projects start with a consultant who comes up with a model for the new building. Need to know how use the space, employees and patrons with a baseline,

Decide a) yes a project, b) funding from City Council to conduct the study with a consultant who will determine needs. c) engage an architect to come up with a model of the Library building. D) need an active Friends group or engage a professional to solicited funds/donations for the building project. (Names noted was Bob Hogseth and Dick Hebert).

Talk to other people who use our resources such as groups that use the meeting rooms. Ask about how use the building and what are your needs (scope of consultant). Board input of what they are expecting for the needs of the library

Contact newspapers, TV do a press release and get comfortable with solicitation of funds..

12. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Newton seconded by Jilek-Proue. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Braden, Confidential Administrative Assistant