

**St. Joseph Township-Swearingen Memorial Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Thursday, October 24, 2024 meeting:**

Members present: Carol Emmerling-DiNovo (Vice President), William Hechler, Dawn Huls, Rick Ingram, Jessica Kerner (Secretary), Kathy Munday (President), Andrew Schaefer (Treasurer)
Others present: Susan McKinney (Librarian), Joe Hackney, Tami Fruhling-Voges
Absent: None

Call to Order

Munday called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

TIF District Presentation

Joe Hackney presented to the board about the prospective TIF district that the village board will vote on in the spring of 2025, along with how it will affect the library and the tax money received. Joe invited the board to select a member to join in on a joint committee to discuss this issue in February.

Approval of Minutes

Schaefer moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024 meeting. Ingram seconded it. Roll Call vote: Yes: Emmerling, Hechler, Huls, Ingram, Kerner, Schaefer. Munday absent from vote. The motion carried.

Munday left the meeting at 8:15, so she was not present for the remainder of the votes. Emmerling took over the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Schaefer gave the Treasurer's Report. As of October 24, 2024, the Gifford Township account will have a balance of \$93,636.46. The Gifford Trust account will have a balance of \$12,517.76. Schaefer has called around about CDs that come due in November, and found that Longview is offering a 5% interest rate for new CDs. He will look into how to get the best interest rate, even if we accrue a small penalty. Hechler moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Kerner seconded it. Roll Call vote: Yes: Emmerling, Hechler, Huls, Ingram, Kerner, Schaefer. The motion carried.

The list of accounts will only have the last 4 digits of accounts to protect the security of our money. The \$90,000 of investments currently distributed:

Type/Account #	Due Date	Investment Value	Interest Rate
CD Gifford/8326	11/18/2024	15,000	3.25%
CD Longview/0145	11/22/2024	15,000	3.21%
CD Gifford/8575	7/30/2025	30,000	2.96%
CD Longview/4641	8/24/2025	15,000	2.97%
CD Longview/1499	9/18/2025	15,000	2.97%

Librarian's Report

McKinney submitted her report. Story time and Senior Citizen Bingo continue to have a steady flow of participants. Currently the UI Extension is running a Brain Health seminar right now, and has had 9-12 people. Local author, John Milas will be at the library on October 28. The library crawl continues through October 31st. McKinney completed the building inspections in early October, and everything is in working order.

Committee Reports

Budget & Investments: None

Building & Grounds:

Carol will remove the rugs from outside the building.

Policy & Planning:

None

Old Business

COVID and Library Services -Keep as is. There have been no complaints.

TIF Update- We will nominate a member to attend the committee meetings with Joe.

New Business

Serving Our Public

The board reviewed the checklists in chapters 5-8, Serving Our Public for the Per Capita Grant.

Snow Removal Quote

S & G has raised their rates, which starts at \$75 for 1-3 inches of snow and increases in cost as the amount of precipitation increases. We will shop around next year for other providers that may be cheaper.

Adjournment

Ingram moved to adjourn the meeting. Schaefer seconded it. Roll Call vote: Yes: Emmerling, Hechler, Huls, Ingram, Kerner, Schaefer. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Kerner, Secretary