

Cohocton Public Library Board Minutes  
April 20, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Jim Feely at 4:06 pm.

Present: Molly Wilkinson, Sandy Shaffer, Carol VanNorman, Kathy Krivitz, Barb Storms, Jim Feely

Absent: Pam Vogt

Changes to the agenda: None

Financial report given by Kathy Krivitz.

March balance: \$94,376.22; balance with deposits not credited and outstanding checks: \$97,926.25

Paid Family Leave: \$15,800.35

Capital Fund Money Market: \$118,352.82; interest \$20.75

C of D's: \$183,022.51

Motion to approve financial report made by Sandy, seconded by Barb; all in favor.

Motion to approve March meeting minutes made by Carol, seconded by Kathy; all in favor.

Director's report given by Molly Wilkinson - refer to attached March report.

All programs had good attendance; the puzzle competition had the most. The quarterly newsletter has been released. Programs funded by the ARTs council have been scheduled.

Motion to approve the director's report made by Kathy, seconded by Sandy; all in favor.

Old Business:

- a. Annual Report to the Community: It is in the process of being mailed out to village residents along with a survey for ideas for the 5-year plan.
- b. Annual Report to the State: It was submitted to STLS on April 16. It will need Board approval after it is reviewed by STLS.
- c. Cleaner: Tina LaVesque has been hired. She will be paid through Paychex for 1-3 hours a week, \$18 /hour. Kathy made a motion to approve this position, seconded by Carol.  
Vote: Jim - Yes; Sandy - Yes; Carol - Yes; Kathy - Yes; Barb -Yes
- d. Roof: Jim reports there have been sporadic problems with the roof leaking. Calls were made to Proctor Enterprises and they felt raccoons damaged the roof. They repaired the roof at no cost, but questioned if it should have been covered. Jim looked into a nuisance/ wildlife animal monitoring system. Jim will contact a local company that will clean gutters and check the roof.

New Business:

- a. Construction Plans: Molly has been in contact with Brian Hildreth on how to proceed. It was suggested to set priorities and slowly work on other repairs. Brian suggested hiring a project manager to determine the process for second floor renovations, possibly

continuing to use LaBella. Project managers charge 8-12% of the total project cost. Brian estimates the upstairs will cost \$500,000.00; \$200,000.00 from local funds. Molly will need to submit a request for a proposal. The project will take 3-5 years. The Board needs to determine priorities and how to proceed.

- b. Carpet quotes: Austin Schumaker was referred for the job. The cost to remove current flooring in the community room and replace with carpeting is \$6,200; plus additional \$1,600 if a sub-floor is needed. Jim made a motion to approve these costs, including sub-floor if needed, seconded by Kathy. All in favor. Molly will bring samples and prices to the next meeting.
- c. Free pantry concerns: There is no one in charge of the pantry, outdated foods are put in it and there have been foods thrown on the sidewalk. Don Eck installed this box. The food pantry has told us it does not meet food storage guidelines. Molly will contact Don to ask if he wants to oversee the pantry or have it used as a free library. The door will need to be replaced if it is to be used.
- d. Volunteer Day: Molly would like to set a date at the end of May/ early June to have people help clean the upstairs and move shelves and furniture, remove boxes and books. Jim will contact Bill Waggoner, Village Maintenance, to see if he can take some books to the Bath landfill on town credit.

Trustee Concerns: Sandy reports a member of the book club would like to have local authors attend the book club. This person needs to let us know of any costs they would charge. Video chat was suggested. The library would be willing to buy 1-2 books if we had a speaker but otherwise it is not a sales opportunity for the author. Sandy is donating a bookcase for the fabric cutting dies that are stored upstairs.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jim, seconded by Carol and so done at 5:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Storms, Secretary