

Ishpeming Carnegie Library Board Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2025

Elyse Bertucci, Vice President called meeting to order at 7pm. Present: Elyse Bertucci, Darren Boldt, and Kaylee Reno. Absent and excused was Paul Olson and Brooke Routhier. Also present: Jesse Shirtz, Library Director.

Minutes: A motion was made by Kaylee Ronn and seconded by Elyse Bertucci to approve the March 20, 2025 minutes. Motion approved

Public Presentation: None

Librarian Report: Jesse Shirtz, Director presented the March 2025 Monthly Progress and Statistical Reports, April & May Calendar of Events, Unique Management, Sustainable Shelves, & Beanstalk Reports. She has not received YTD Budget Reports from the City. Book Bills were presented to Darren Boldt for signature. Jesse has updated monthly reports to include number of programs and program participants. NMU's Anthropology program was very popular and more will be arranged. Jess, along with Nicole Johnson, is working on a grant for small rural libraries to purchase books by and about Indigenous people. The Friends of the Library will provide matching funds (\$500). The Summer Reading program will be finalized by May and has been receiving generous donations from community organizations and businesses. At this time, there are no updates to what effect funding cuts will have on library services specifically inter-library loan programs both state wide and local. Concerns are that the cost of postage will have a negative impact and the loss of funding may cause the programs to end. Superiorland Cooperative Library director, Dillon Geshel, has resigned. Jess will update the board as they seek a new director. New ceiling fans have been installed in the main rooms. The fans will help cool and heat the library with quiet operations and the style fits well into the design of the building.

Committee Reports: None. To be scheduled: Sustainability Committee meeting.

Communications: None.

Unfinished Business: Ray Leverton Community Room Policy has been sent to the City for their review. Also, waiting for final plans for replacing or repairing furnace and heat system.

New Business: None.

Public Participation: None.

Next Board meeting is May 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Darren Boldt will not be able to attend meeting in May 2025. A motion was made by Darren Boldt and seconded by Kaylee Reno to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elyse Bertucci