

Ishpeming Carnegie Library Board Meeting Minutes  
March 19, 2026

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

Minutes: A motion was made by Darren Boldt and seconded by Paul Olson to approve the February 19, 2026 minutes. Motion approved

Public Presentation: Present were two journalism students from Northern Michigan University to observe the board meeting.

Librarian Report: Jesse Shirtz, Director presented the February 2026 Circulation Reports, Statistical and Programming Reports, Budget Report ending 2/28/2026, Calendar of Events, Unique Management statement, Better World Books (56 books were submitted for purchase or recycling) and Beanstack Reports. Also, Friends of the Library will now meet six times per year and hold three book sales per year. The next FOL book sale will be held in April 2026. Jesse Shirtz reported that some programs had been cancelled due to lack of heat in the library while the heating system repairs are completed. Repairs and furnace, piping and radiator replacement are expected to be finished by May 2026. The Library was closed for three days due to the Blizzard of 2026. On March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Library, the Regional Historical Center is offering to digitize personal records and collections that people have of the Barnes & Hecker Mine disaster. They will be able to keep their original material and receive a digital copy. Summer Reading program has already received \$1500 donation. A maintenance/cleaner has been hired for the Library for 5 hours/week.

Committee Reports: The Director has submitted to City for review and input- the Committee's proposed letter to the townships regarding funding and reaching the state mandated 3/10<sup>th</sup> of a mil. As we wait for feedback, the committee will continue to work on Reciprocal Agreement with Negaunee Library, the unique situation with Humboldt/Republic and the policy for Out-of-Service-Area residents.

Communications: None.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: A motion was made by Elyse Bertucci and seconded by Darren Boldt to adopt the 2025 Annual Report. Motion carried.

Public Participation: None.

Next Board meeting is Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM and election of officers will be on the June agenda. Please note this meeting is scheduled one week early.

A motion was made by Elyse Bertucci and seconded by Darren Boldt to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Elyse Bertucci