

Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library

Board Minutes May 21, 2026

Present: Elyse Bertucci, Darren Boldt, Paul Olson, Kaylee Reno and Brooke Routhier. Jesse Shirtz, Library Director was present. Absent: none. Public: Randy Scholz Ishpeming City Manager, Grey Getschow City of Ishpeming Finance Director, Nicole Johnson and Heather Lander.

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM.

Motion by Darren Boldt supported by Elyse Bertucci to approve the April 9, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Public Participation: none.

Presentation by Randy Scholz, City of Ishpeming Manager:

Fiscal State of the City presentation was made. It is the same presentation as provided to the city residents and city council. Fund balance has been in decline. The presentation is meant to inform the community about the municipal finance process and the current state of the city's funds.

Librarian's Report:

Jesse Shirtz, Library Director, presented information, monthly progress report, statistical report and library report for April. A total of 37 programs were offered in April with 972 attendees. Unique Management continues to provide significant value and returns many items to the library. Youth and adult outreach programs and other efforts continued and are increasing library resource access. The heating system repairs are ongoing and should be completed ahead of the summer reading program kickoff.

- Circulation: Attendance in April was 2,847. Roughly 9% of the total library material was in circulation. A total of 29 new library cards were issued.
- Calendar of events: draft Calendar of events for May and the summer reading programs was provided. The summer reading event includes many programs and events.
- Budget report: The budget information was provided and is in line for the year.
- Book bills: Book invoices were reviewed and signed by the library board.
- Friends of the Library: Association of Friends of the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library (FOL) meeting minutes were provided from their April meeting.

Committee Reports:

- The Sustainability Committee continues to meet and work on Township contract options.

Communications:

- None

Unfinished Business:

- Policy manual review, revision and updating is ongoing. Waiting on city attorney input on several.
- Tousignant donation: No updates this month. A list of potential projects (enhance and enrich: table lights, e readers, more computers for patrons, picture rail, chairs with chargers, reading pod) is still being developed and should be prioritized in 2026. Annual distributions no later than 2028.
- The Children's room redesign (FOL will cover up to \$15,000 for the renovation plan). No update this month.
- Capital Improvement items submitted for consideration to the City: No update this month.
 1. Front steps/pillar deterioration repair

2. Children's room redesign and renovation. The heating work will allow this to proceed.
3. Computer replacement – budget annual capital replacement at 3 per year.
4. Glass floor repairs.
5. Tile floor repairs and carpeting replacement.
6. Roof replacement fund allocation in preparation for full replacement in 2034 to 2039.
The repairs completed in 2024 should provide 10-15 more years of service.

New Business:

- First Reading of the Library Card Policy was held. Motion by Elyse Bertucci second by Darren Boldt to accept the first reading – passed.

Public Participation: none.

Next meeting is June 18, 2026 7:00 PM in person at the Library.

A motion was made by Darren Boldt and seconded by Kaylee Reno at 9:28 PM to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brooke Routhier