

Thornton Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 19, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm by Board V-President A. Roeda.

Roll Call – Present: Vice-President A. Roeda, Treasurer L. Jamrock, Trustee P. Markowski, Secretary L. Wise, Trustee J. Diekelman
Absent: President L. Kammert

Public Comment – Roger Maltrotta voiced his opinions on the sign at the front entryway for the security camera and audio recording. Mr. Maltrotta said he was banned from the library without due process. He also stated he uses the South Holland library to print and to make copies. He doesn't like that the Thornton Library employees look at what he prints and that the copier should be moved and a cash box put on it.

Debbie Pisarzewski read from a letter to the Library Board about how a library employee is representing the library at the Village Board Meeting and making slanderous comments. Mrs. Pisarzewski left the letter with V-Pres A. Roeda for our records.

V-President A. Roeda thanked both citizens for coming in and bringing these grievances to our attention. She stated the board would discuss this in executive session and thanked them for coming. Both left our meeting at this point.

Approval of Minutes – Motion made by V-Pres A. Roeda to approve the minutes from April 10, 2025 regular board meeting with the correction of the date. Seconded by Treasurer L. Jamrock. Voice vote: All in favor say aye, 5; Opposed say nay, 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by V-Pres A. Roeda to approve the minutes from May 15, 2025 regular board meeting. Seconded by Trustee P. Markowski. No Discussion. Voice vote: All in favor say aye, 5; Opposed say nay, 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by V-Pres A. Roeda to approve the minutes from June 13, 2025 special meeting. Seconded by Treasurer L. Jamrock. No Discussion. Voice vote: All in favor say aye, 5; Opposed say nay, 0. Motion carried.

Correspondence – None

Treasurer's Report - Motion to accept Treasurer's report for May and put on file made by Trustee P. Markowski and Seconded by V-Pres A. Roeda. Discussion followed. Lib Dir K. Dejnowski explained that our standing order of 5 per month on the Audiobooks can be spread amongst adult, teen and children. The \$400 coming out of the contractual category is for the cleaning service. Adult books are 20% of the budget for just one month. There was \$2 listed under contingency. K. Dejnowski will check into that and report back in July. A business membership and dinner ticket was purchased from the Thornton Historical Society. There is a yearly fee for K. Dejnowski to be a member of Laconi (library organization) of \$150. Voice Vote: All in favor say aye, all opposed say nay. Favor: 5, Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report for March and put on file made by V-Pres A. Roeda and seconded by Trustee P. Markowski. No discussion followed. Voice Vote: All in favor say aye, all opposed say nay. Favor: 5, Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills: Motioned made to approve the bills as submitted for June 2025 by V-Pres. A Roeda and Seconded by Trustee P. Markowski. No discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: V-President A. Roeda, yes; Trustee P. Markowski, yes; Treasurer L. Jamrock; Secretary L. Wise, yes; Trustee J. Diekelman, yes. Motion carried.

Reports by Committee – None

Board President's Report – V-Pres A. Roeda reported that the ramp has been installed outside of the back door on the lower floor. Installed by Alex Roeda.

Library Director's Report –

- ❖ Both of the annual reports for East Hazel Crest and Thornton Libraries are completed and sent to IPLAR.

- ❖ Two checks have been received from the Village of Thornton for PPRT payments for 2024 and 2025. They have not been deposited.
- ❖ Technology grant was received from the East Hazel Crest Library and will be used to purchase a new printer. Director is getting quotes at this time. Have 2 years to use the grant. Hopefully, with the remaining funds the websites can be updated to make it more ADA compliant.
- ❖ There were 33 people that attended the first movie in the park. Wreck-It Ralph will be the next movie on July 11th. The recreation center is raffling off a go cart and will also be selling concessions.
- ❖ Currently there are 4 kids enrolled in the summer reading program.

Adult Services Report

- Adult Chair Yoga on June 11th had 15 people. Hopefully, there will be 2 sessions in July.
- Worked with Senior Center for paint a pot and plant a flower. There were 7 individuals involved with painting the pots.
- Paint night had 25 attendees.
- Book Club had 5 attending and the book for July is The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan.

Unfinished Business

1. **Chair Lift** – Chair lift replacement to start on June 26th. Secretary L Wise will call Anna at Garaventa to confirm dates, times and timeline for work to be performed and notify board members so the schedule can be firmed up.
2. **Appoint Board Member** - V-Pres A. Roeda made the motion to appoint Amy House to fill the empty Board Member seat. Seconded by Trustee P. Markowski. No discussion followed. Voice Vote: All in favor say aye, all opposed say nay. Favor 5; Opposed 0. Motion Passed. Item is closed.
3. **Third Employee/Budget** – There was only 1 candidate for the third position. Director suggested that we should raise the hours to 18 – 20 hours per week to see if a more qualified person will apply.

New Business

1. **Vacation** – Vacation hours are confusing. Board will require the vacation request forms be used so we can track. Also suggested using a Google Doc or spread sheet that can be continuously updated.

Executive Session – V-Pres A. Roeda made the motion to go out of regular session and go into the closed session according to the OMA Section 2(c), performance of employee for handling the complaints voiced in public comments for 40 minutes at 7:59pm. Voice Vote: All in favor say aye, all opposed say nay. Favor 6; Opposed 0. Motion Passed.

- a. V-Pres A. Roeda will send emails to both individuals involved.

Items for next agenda

1. Chair Lift
2. Third Employee/Budget
3. Vacation
4. Trustee Communication, New Business
5. Open Meetings Act, New Business
6. ALA Conference Recap, New Business
7. Course Repayment, New Business

Announcements – None

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn meeting by V-Pres A. Roeda and seconded by Treasurer L. Jamrock. Voice vote – All in favor say aye, all opposed say nay. Favor – 6, opposed - 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Next Meeting – July 17, 2025, 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Secretary L. Wise



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Thornton Public Library Board Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Meeting called to order at 4:04pm by Secretary L. Wise.

Roll Call - President L. Kammert, V-President A. Roeda, Secretary L. Wise, Trustee P. Markowski, Trustee J. Diekelman and Trustee A. House arrived at 4:08pm

Absent: Treasurer L. Jamrock,

Purpose – This meeting was called for the purpose of discussing personnel and communications with regards to statements made by R. Maltrotta and D. Piszewski during the regular board meeting on June 19, 2025.

Trustee P. Markowski made the motion to close the open meeting and go into execution session to discuss personnel performance for approximately 40 minutes according to OMA Section 2(c). V-Pres A. Roeda seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All in favor say aye, 6; opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Adjournment – Secretary L. Wise made the motion to adjourn this special meeting at 5:09pm. Seconded by President L. Kammert. All in favor say aye, opposed nay. Favor: 5, Opposed, 0. Motion carried. Trustee P. Markowski left the meeting at 4:48pm.

Respectfully submitted by L. Wise, Secretary. *L. Wise* 3 July 2025

