

Thornton Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 15, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:18pm by Board President L. Kammert.

Roll Call – Present: President L. Kammert, Vice-President A. Roeda, Secretary L. Wise, Trustee P. Markowski.

Absent: Trustee J. Diekelman, Treasurer L. Jamrock, Trustee A. House

Also present Lib Director, K. Dejnowski and A. Enright

Public Comment – None

Approval of Minutes – Discussion of current approval process of the Minutes compared to the process in Robert’s Rules of Order, Section 41:10 and 41:11. Board decided to go with the Robert’s Rules of Order. Meeting chair President Kammert asked if there are any corrections to the minutes. No corrections voiced the chair said “There being no corrections to the minutes, the minutes from December 18, 2025 regular board meeting, the minutes stand approved.

Correspondence – None

Treasurer’s Report – Robert’s Rules of Order Section 48:20 “Treasurer’s report may consist simply of a verbal statement of the cash balance on hand – or of this balance less outstanding obligations. Such a report requires no action by the assembly.” Cash balance was discussed.

Approval of the Bills: Motioned made to approve the bills as submitted for December 2025 made by and Trustee P. Markowski. Seconded by V-Pres A. Roeda. Discussion followed. Keep watching spending for the rest of the fiscal year. Hopefully, more Real Estate Tax income will be forthcoming. No further discussion. Roll Call Vote: V-President A. Roeda, yes; Secretary L. Wise, yes; Trustee P Markowski, yes; President L. Kammert, yes. Motion carried.

Reports by Committee – None

Board President’s Report – President L. Kammert will be attending a meeting on the tax levy here at the Village Hall on Wednesday, January 21st, 2026.

Library Director’s Report –

- ❖ Completed reports and forms for the audit
- ❖ Completed 2 Technology Grants, one for Thornton and one for East Hazel Crest
- ❖ Grant money left over from previous Technology Grant not enough to buy any new patron computers
- ❖ Her school starts January 19, 2026.

Adult Services Report

- Paint night coming up on Friday, January 23rd
- Book club meets Wednesday, January 21st
- Chair Yoga on Wednesday, January 28th
- Adult coloring on Tuesday, January 27th

Unfinished Business

1. IT – Lib Dir spoke to Ron from our IT Company about new forms needing to be completed for the audit. Also, about our pending purchases of new patron computers.
2. Third Employee/Budget – Lib Director received 2 applications. Lib Dir completed interview with one applicant and it went well. She will offer the job to this individual with approval from the Board. Other applicant never returned her calls. **Item closed.**
3. Strategic Plan – First step is to form a committee and have them meet. Work continues.
4. Web Accessibility – Work on the website has started and will continue for the next couple of months.
5. Education – All courses for the Certificate of Youth Services program will be considered as all elective courses for Lib Dir K. Dejnowski's Master's Degree. **Item closed.**

New Business –

1. IMRF – Discussion on hours needed to continue with IMRF payments for part time employees. Item open.
2. Scheduling- 3rd employee should help with more time off for Lib Dir K. Dejnowski. Suggestion and discussion of getting a time clock to help with scheduling. New Business for next month.
3. Budget – Start working on budget to have a better idea of what we have to work with and have a smoother approval process.
4. Director's University Advanced – Lib Dir K. Dejnowski included in packet information on this opportunity. Listed among the courses is Capital Improvement Plan which would be a great help to the library. Due to limited funds, Lib Director will see if it is a possibility she could pay. Board suggested that she go ahead and apply since there is limited seating.

Executive Session – Not Required


Items for next agenda

1. IT
2. Strategic Plan
3. Web Accessibility
4. IMRF
5. Budget
6. Director's University

Announcements – None

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn meeting by V-Pres A. Roeda to adjourn the Regular Board meeting for January 15, 2026 at 7:29 pm. Seconded by Secretary L. Wise. Voice vote – All in favor say aye, all opposed say nay. Favor – 4, opposed - 0. Motion carried.

Next Meeting – February 19, 2026 at 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Secretary L. Wise  19 Jan 2026

