

**VILLAGE OF NEW GLARUS
MEETING OF THE NEW GLARUS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
New Glarus Village Hall – Board Room
319 2nd Street, New Glarus WI 53574**

**May 8th, 2024 6:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order: Interim President Daniel Ramirez called the meeting to order at 6:36. Those present, in addition to Ramirez, were trustees Beth Blahut, Shelly Truttman, Kelly Ruschman, Joanne Landry; Library Director Amy Trumble; and Village Liaison Larry Stuessy. Also present: Village Administrator Lauren Freeman and Village Board Trustee Jesse Donahue. Donahue left the meeting at 7:25.

2. Announcement:

A. The Library Board will convene into closed session called under WI State Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Deliberating the purchase of public property)

3. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved with no corrections.

4. Comments & Questions from the Public: None.

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Discussion and Consideration: Building Project Update/Flexible Facility grant:

Grant deadline is July 11, 2024. Grant recipients will be announced in Oct. 2024. The grant will require that a new building is completed by Sept. 30, 2026. The grant application requires a site address; the Library Board is focusing on a downtown site. It will need to move quickly to pursue the purchase of property at 26 5th Ave. from the Town of New Glarus and an adjacent property from the Swiss Church. It is essential to purchase both properties to have adequate space for a new building. The Board will consult experts to confirm the feasibility of the combined properties. Both properties are currently tax exempt.

The Board will ask for answers from both parties by June 30.

Stuessy made a motion to move forward with making offers to purchase the Town of New Glarus and the Swiss Church properties

for use as the site of the future New Glarus Public Library.
Ruschman seconded. Motion carried.

5. The board will convene into Closed Session: Stuessy made a motion to go into closed session at 7:25, Seconded by Ruschman. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

6. The board will convene into Open Session: Stuessy made a motion to go into open session at 8:15, seconded by Landry. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

A. Results of Closed Session: Discussion & Consideration: Deliberating the purchase of public property. No results to report.

7. Adjournment: Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.