

Hamilton Public Library  
Board of Trustee Meeting  
**Wednesday December 3rd, 2025**

Members in attendance: Susi Pipkin, Joy Durbin, Sarah Connelly, Bridget Foreman, Sarah Crawford, Sydney Ernat, and Director Sonja Farnsworth

Call to Order 6:02

• Business:

- Approval of Minutes from November Meeting- Sarah Crawford made a motion to approve and Bridget seconded- motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Motion to approve- Sarah Crawford, Sydney seconded, motion passed.

• Director's Report - Sonja Farnsworth

- Cameras did not get installed yet
- OCLC cloud live in January (notified by email)
  - Replaces boundless
- State money for small municipalities
  - Games and bags purchased
- A&E funds used and books and ebooks
  - Used for things that circulate
- ILL (interlibrary loan)
  - 500% increase in use thanks to homeschool families, staff and patrons
- Summer Reading Grant (due December 1st) waiting to hear if we get it.
  - MPLD held twice a year
    - Typically attended in June but it is in Popular Bluff. Do not plan to attend next year
  - Huge increases in Business Property Tax

## Payment under protests

- New Business
  - Could affect tax money that we receive.
- Christmas gifts: Asking different businesses in town ○ Winter Hours

## Old Business

For the last 2 months, only 1 person comes Thursday evening after 5.

Thursdays closing at 5pm from December 11th - March 5th

- Motion to approve Sydney motioned, Susi second.  
Motion passed.

- Strategic Planning
  - Friends of the Library
    - Raise funds, Provide volunteers, Grow community connection and advocate for Library
    - Friends of library membership with cost
    - Looked over potential bylaws
    - Looked over 1st year plan
  - 50th Anniversary planning
    - ☛ Could do something at the park with free library  
Birthday party in April
  - Discussed ways to fill board member positions
- Adjournment was motioned by Susi and seconded by Bridgit- Motion

Passed. Time: 6:53