Board of Trustees (the "Board")
of the Pine Plains Free Library (the "PPFL")

MeetingMinutes
June 28, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Location: Pine Plains Free Library

Attendees (P = Present in Person, Z = Present via Zoom, A = absent)		
President: Claire Gunning (P)		*Financial Officer*: Theodore Mallozzi (P)
Vice President: Keary Hanan (P)		*Friends of the PPFL Rep*: Jean Osofsky (A)
Secretary: Patrick MacMurray (P)		*Library Director*: Dee Ann Campbell (P)
Trustee: Allison Galliher (A)		*Town Board Liaison*: Jeanine Sisco (A)
Trustee: Ethan DiMaria (P)		*Special Guests*: None
Trustee: Ruth Cohn (P)		
Trustee: Jenna Cort (P)		

1. **Call to order**: Ms. Gunning called the meeting to order at 9.04 a.m.

2. **Tax Cap Override.**

   The Board conducted a brief discussion about the Tax Cap Override. All questions asked were answered to the satisfaction of the Board. Ms. Gunning read aloud the following resolution:

   ***"Whereas**, the adoption of the 2026 budget for the Pine Plains Free Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by the state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and*

   ***Whereas**, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the Library Board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified*

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Board members; now therefore be it

***Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Pine Plains Free Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2026 by at least the sixty percent of the Board of Trustees as required by state law on June 28, 2025."*

A motion was made by Mr. MacMurray to approve said resolution, which motion was seconded and unanimously approved. A roll call was conducted to determine the percentage of trustees that approved the resolution, which roll call indicated that MacMurray, DiMaria, Hanan, Gunning, Cohn and Cort all voted in favor. There were no abstentions or no votes. Ms. Gallagher was absent from the meeting and did not cast a vote.

3. **414 Vote**

Ms. Gunning led a continuation of the discussion regarding presenting the library's budget to the voters of Pine Plains at the upcoming November 2025 election. The Board conducted a brief discussion about the budget and the need for the 414 vote. Mr. DiMaria shared certain financial details. All questions asked were answered to the satisfaction of the Board. Ms. Gunning read aloud the following resolution:

"The Board of Trustees for the Pine Plains Free Library resolves to pursue the Chapter 414 vote in November 2026 for $220,000."

A motion was made by Ms. Hanan to approve said resolution, which motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

4. **High Yield Bank Account**: Ms. Gunning and Mr. DiMaria led a continuation of the Board discussions regarding investing certain of the Library's funds in a high-yield bank account in order to make responsible use of the Library's funds. Mr. Mallozzi provided valuable insight regarding the Library's bank accounts and processes. Topic included:

    a. Ms. Gallagher's prior research and identification of an appropriate bank;
    b. Identification of accounts and funds that could be transferred;
    c. A robust discussion of the Library's 4 main bank accounts, their uses and any restrictions or limitations on accessing accounts;
    d. Automation of transfers;
    e. Processes and timing involved in transferring invested funds back to operating accounts; and
    f. The Library representatives should be able to access the invested funds.

    Ms. Gunning undertook to speak again with Ms. Gallagher and to further explore the above matters.

5. **414 Next Steps**

Ms. Hanan led a Board discussion regarding the next steps needed to move forward with the 414 Vote. Topics included:

a. Preparing the petition and obtaining 25 votes plus a number of buffer votes;
b. Engaging an attorney;
c. Checking with neighboring libraries about their 414 petition and process;
d. Notifying the Town Board, the Board of elections and the State Comptroller's Office; and
e. Coordinating with the Town Clerk.

Ms. Campbell undertook to reach out again to our prior counsel. A motion was made by Ms. Hanan to engage a lawyer with a retainer at $1,000 from the Lodge account, which motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

6. **Adjournment**. A motion was made by Mr. DiMaria to adjourn the meeting, which motion was seconded and unanimously approved at 9:55 a.m.

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