

Kirkland Public Library
Board of Trustees Special Meeting
February 3, 2026

Board present: Jean Bauer, Clare Hay, Sally Jones, Becky Lamont, Marian Termini, Lori Finkle, Colleen Olson (formerly Kreinbrink). None absent.

Others present: Tina Weaver, Rosi Reintz

Call to Order: The special meeting to discuss the Village Board's recent submission of legal intent to sell the Kirkland Library was called to order at 6:03 pm by Board President Bauer.

New Business: Lori Finkle shared a copy of the deed to the library property. We reviewed the legal forms presented to us by the Village Board. Wording of "library district" was indicated which we believe nullifies the proposed "Agreement".

When deciding how to respond to said agreement, we discussed having a combined board meeting with village to discuss. We would probably want a lawyer present. We would like to clarify what expenses they have had related to the library while indicating a long list of expenses we have covered in the last many years. Those include the insurance on the contents of the building and Workman's Comp. We asked ourselves as a group, "What is it exactly the village is so concerned about with regard to expenses?" They asked for an intergovernmental agreement, and we responded positively, but they did not respond to our request for clarifications or amendments, and the agreement was never finalized. This "sale" contract apparently is their response.

We discussed the differences between "district" library which is a wholly independent entity, while "municipal" library is one under a "local corporate authority" that being the Village of Kirkland. The municipal library levy is included in the corporate authority levy.

Clare Hay read from our insurance policy "building not covered".

We talked about hiring a lawyer and Sally suggested a name. Jean plans on calling said lawyer ASAP. Our budget, not yet adopted, has little room for outstanding legal expenses. We discussed from where the money would come to hire a lawyer. Two clauses of concern on "Agreement" are "environmental" and "incurring all costs" among others.

PLAN: We all agreed to ask the village clerk to put us on the agenda at the next Village Board Meeting Feb 16, and that we all plan to attend to express ourselves. We may try to:

1. Present the original Intergovernmental Agreement that they gave us over a year ago.
2. Present them with the list of all the things we've paid for in the last 10 to 20 years.
3. Directly quote from Village of Kirkland Board minutes with regards to communiques intended for library board.
4. Ask them to indicate what bills they have accrued related to library in the last 10 to 20 years.
5. Ask what brought them to this decision to sell the library when we were willing to agree to the upkeep and stewardship of the library. Maybe this should be number one?

Adjournment: Clare Hay motioned to adjourn meeting and Marian seconded. Adjourned 7:15 pm.

Minutes written and submitted by Marian Termini.