

Van Buren District Library Board
2027 Budget Resolution and 2026 Tax Levy Board Hearing
August 25, 2026

Bloomington Municipal Complex

Minutes

Chairperson Wayne Rendell called the 2027 Budget Resolution and 2026 Tax Levy hearing to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Bloomington Municipal Complex. There was no public comment.

2027 Budget Resolution and 2026 Tax Levy

It was moved to approve the 2027 Budget Resolution and to certify the 2026 Millage Levy as presented: (Motion: Rendell; Second: Hanson; Voting “yes” – Cutting, Rendell, Dickerson, Vliek, Hanson, Campagna; Voting “no” – no one; Absent: Markel; Motion: Carried).

Chairperson Rendell called the regular Board meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. at the Bloomington Branch.

Present: Pam Dickerson, Sandra Hanson, Wayne Rendell, Bruce Cutting, Sandra Hanson and Denise Campagna, Dan Hutchins, Director; Tracy Smola, Administrator Coordinator;

Absent: Betty Markel (excused)

It was moved to approve the agenda as mailed with the addition under New Business C. Geneva Township and D. Compensation & Contract. (Motion: Cutting; Second Vliek; Motion: Carried).

It was moved to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2026 Board meeting, as mailed. (Motion: Hanson; Second: Vliek; Motion: Carried).

It was moved to approve for payment the August “Due to” vouchers number 26-08-01 through 26-08-05 in the amount of \$10,972.31; and General Fund vouchers numbers 26-03 through 26-08-66 in the total amount of \$253,291.60. (Motion: Cutting; Second: Hanson; Motion: Carried).

Public Comment:

Daywi Cook, Covert Township Supervisor

Reports:

A. Financial Update

Revenue is approaching 100% for the fiscal year. Severance expenses reflect ongoing staff changes.

B. Investment Report

U.S Department of Treasury via Huntington Bank

Contingency Fund Purchased a Treasury bill August 20, 2026 for six months at 3.73% yield to maturity, with a .07% broker fee, for a net yield to maturity of 3.66%. \$3,656,650.80 invested, to mature at \$3,700,000.00 on December 15, 2026.

Endowment Fund

Purchased a Treasury bill August 20, 2026 for six months at 3.73% yield to maturity, with a .07% broker fee, for a net yield to maturity of 3.66%. \$207,539.64 invested, to mature at \$210,000.00 on December 15, 2026.

C. Director's Report & Employee Changes

Dani Winchester started in the role of District Coordinator on August 4. The VBDL has hired Hilari Sabo to succeed Tracy Smola upon her retirement in February 2027. Staff Day is being restructured as Managers Training, facilitated by Brian Mortimore of Kent District Library. In response to the July 31 incident at the Bloomingdale Library, VBDL is coordinated with the Village and Township of Bloomingdale on cleanup and repairs following the broken window.

Unfinished Business :

A. Antwerp Branch Addendum

Executive Director Hutchins was instructed to send a communication to the Antwerp Township Board stating that the amount of square footage allocated to the Antwerp Sunshine Library is their choice, that the library will adjust the percentage of utilities it pays based upon the square footage allocated to the Branch Library, and that the library has not reimbursed the Township for utilities since April because it hasn't received a bill from the Township.

Motion to amend the Branch Library Agreement Addendum to state that the Library District will reimburse Antwerp Township for utility use based upon the proportionate square footage of the Township building allocated to the Antwerp Sunshine Library: (Motion: Rendell; Second: Dickerson; Motion: Carried).

New Business :

A. PA 152 Opt-Out Resolution for Benefits Plan Year Beginning January 1, 2027. It was moved to approve the 2027 PA 152 Employee Health Insurance Override Resolution for Benefits Plan Year Beginning January 1, 2027 as presented: (Motion: Rendell; Second: Hanson; Voting "yes" – Campagna, Hanson, Vliek, Dickerson, Rendell and Cutting; Voting "no" – no one; Absent: Markel; Motion: Carried).

B. Milan presented information on a music program that she would like to start at the Covert Branch Library. Motion was made to move forward with music program with reevaluation after 6 months. (Motion: Campagna; Second: Dickerson; Motion: Carried).

C. Geneva Township Dan proposed sending two

informational mailings to Geneva Township voters regarding the November mileage ballot measure. The mailings would be sent to all registered voters, with duplicate household addresses removed.

- D.** It was moved to move into close session at 6:23 p.m. to discuss a potential contract and compensation. Close session ended at 7:00 p.m. (Motion: Vliek; Second: Cutting; Motion: Carried).

Public Comment:

Renee Robbins, Bloomingdale Patron

It was moved to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. (Motion: Hanson; Second: Cutting; Motion: Carried).

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman

Secretary

Recorded by Tracy Smola