

**Brooklyn Public Library Board Meeting**  
**February 2, 2026 at 5pm**

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Brooklyn Public Library was held Monday, February 2, 2026 at 5p.m. Those present were President Matt Maschmann, Secretary Beth Meldrem, Treasurer Jamie McClenathan (via phone), Board Members- Bob Lacina, Mary Jo Collum, Chris Hurst (via phone), Sherry Korn- Johnson and Library Director Josh Gerard.

President Matt Maschmann called the meeting to order at 4:58p.m. Minutes were read. Motion by Mary Jo; 2nd by Jamie to approve the January 5, 2025 minutes. All Ayes. Motion carried

**Treasurer’s Report**

First State Bank Checking - \$ 500.00  
Building & Maintenance Fund - \$3,233.50  
First State Bank CDs - \$25,198.40

Brooklyn Municipal Utilities	\$400
Brooklyn Telecommunications	\$75.92
Amazon- books	\$1002.06
Amazon-tech kid/software	\$8.55
Amazon-bathroom supplies	\$281.19
Poweshiek County Chronicle	\$40.00
Payroll	\$4,448.89
1st State Bank	\$705.20
IPERS	\$541.86
Treasurer State of Iowa	\$43.00
Wellmark	\$643.08

Motion by Chris; 2nd by Jamie to approve the above claims. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business - none**

**New Business –**

Jamie made a motion to approve the 2026-27 budget; 2nd by Bob. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Josh provided continuing education credits to the board on Poverty Assistance Training. We focused on learning about resources and support to the community in regards to poverty and homelessness.

**Library Director’s Report**

Poweshiek County Librarians met with the County Supervisors on January 26 to present on the funding needs for our local libraries. As Brooklyn’s record-number reports show, we are providing great programs for youth and adults, all while running on a small budget and even smaller staff.

Poverty Simulation - Brooklyn library staff members attended a local Poverty Simulation training in January and learned much about poverty and homelessness in Poweshiek County.

New Community Resources Brochure - Based on what the staff learned at the Poverty Simulation training, Brooklyn library has created a brochure that lists resources for those in need. It provides contacts for housing, food, and other assistance programs available. Stop in and grab a brochure.

Josh will request funding again from the Poweshiek Community Foundation Grant for digitization of microfilm and archive costs. The funding is crucial for finishing an extensive digitization project in 2026.

Josh and library staff made a video on facebook about our new couch because the world needs to know. Please go watch it. (<https://www.brooklyn.lib.ia.us/>)

The next board meeting will be on Monday March 2, 2026 at 5 p.m. Motion by Mary Jo; 2nd by Beth to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.