

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HALF HOLLOW HILLS COMMUNITY LIBRARY HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2026, AT DIX HILLS.

1. The meeting was called to order by Library Board President, Gregory Laub at 6:30PM. Also present were Board Members, Jacob Goldman, Joyce Bush, and Larry Bloomstein. Wayne Griffith was absent with prior notice.
2. Also present were Library Director, Margaret Hartough, Assistant Library Director, Christopher DeCristofaro, Business Manager, Michele Peluso, and Clerk of the Board of Trustees, Rosemarie Menta.
3. Also present were Linda Roldan and John Heffenan, Vice Presidents of Connect One Bank, as guests.
4. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
5. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mr. Goldman, the Agenda was adopted as amended.
6. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mr. Goldman, the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on December 15, 2025, were approved.
7. Linda Roldan and John Heffenan discussed ACH, demonstrated the software's functionality, and then departed the meeting at 7:12 PM.
8. There was no correspondence.
9. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Goldman, Abstract No. 1326, in the amount of \$12,762.82, was ratified.
10. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Bloomstein, Abstract No. 1327, in the amount of \$76,857.68, was approved.
11. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Bloomstein, Abstract No. 1328, in the amount of \$51,366.02, was approved.
12. Upon motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Bloomstein, Abstract No. 1329, in the amount of \$142,211.90, was approved.
13. Upon motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Bloomstein, Abstract No. 1330, in the amount of \$34,040.00, was approved.

14. Upon motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Bloomstein, Abstract No. 1331, in the amount of \$32,694.25, was approved.
15. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Goldman, Payroll Warrant No. 1597, dated 12/24/25, in the amount of \$157,171.76, was ratified.
16. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Goldman, Payroll Warrant No. 1598, dated 1/08/26, in the amount of \$153,522.69, was ratified.
17. Business Manager, Michele Peluso, discussed Financial Reports, Banking ACH, and Treasuries.
18. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mrs. Bush, the Board of Trustees approved the 2026 Budget Vote and Trustee Election Legal Notice.
19. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mr. Goldman, the Board of Trustees approved the resolution to adopt new Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Policy.
20. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Goldman, the Board of Trustees approved the resolution to rescind the prior Public Access to Records Policy.
21. Upon a motion by Mrs. Bush, seconded by Mr. Goldman, the Board of Trustees approved the resolution authorizing the attendance of two (2) Librarians or Trustees at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL from Thursday, June 25, 2026 – Monday, June 29, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$3,200.00 per person.
22. Library Director, Margie Hartough, shared her Monthly Report.
23. The Board of Trustees reviewed the Departmental Monthly Reports and Departmental Monthly Statistics.
24. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mrs. Bush, the Board of Trustees approved the January Personnel Report.
25. Upon a motion by Mr. Goldman, seconded by Mrs. Bush, the Board of Trustees approved a motion to add an item to the agenda.

26. Upon a motion by Mr. Goldman, seconded by Mr. Bloomstein, the Board of Trustees approved resolution to renew investment in 12-month US Treasuries with M&T Bank at the current rate when the existing treasury bills mature.
27. Upon a motion by Mr. Bloomstein, seconded by Mrs. Bush, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Menta  
Clerk of the Board of Trustees

Gregory Laub  
Board President