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**Lapeer District Library  
Regular Meeting of September 18, 2025  
Lapeer American Legion  
Minutes**

**25R.09.01 Call to Order:** by John DeAngelis  
**25R.09.02 Roll Call:**

Bonnie Lawrence	County (Marathon Township)	12/31/2028	Present
Kari Kohlman	County (Deerfield Township)	12/31/2027	Excused
Peggy Brotzke	Lapeer Township	12/31/2028	Present
John DeAngelis	County (Metamora Township)	12/31/2027	Present
Perry Valle	County (Metamora Township)	12/31/2025	Present
Carol Brown	Mayfield Township	12/31/2025	Present
Bill Marquardt	City of Lapeer	12/31/2026	Excused

**Quorum is 4. There are   5   Board members present.**

Also present are T. Denney (Library Counsel), Kara Haight (Assistant Director for Technical Services), and members of the press and approximately 40 members of the community.

**PRAYER/PLEDGE** – Led by board member.

**25R.09.03** Perry Valle made a request for budget hearing within meeting.

**25R.09.04 Call to open budget meeting: 10:15** by Peggy Brotzke.

**25R.09.05 Call to close budget meeting: 10:19** by Carol Brown.

**25R.09.06 Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda:** Perry Valle moved to move Facilities report to before public comment. Carol Brown motioned to approve, Peggy Brotzke seconded.

**25R.09.07 Facilities Report** Facilities Manager Bryan Kirby went over the communication for the IT cooling replacement. Board members asked questions and discussion the provided quotes from Kapala Heating & Air Conditioning and Goyette Mechanical.

**25R.09.08 Public Comments:** Approx. 10 community members spoke.

**Board Reports:**

**25R.09.09 Treasurer:** Perry Valle, board treasurer, moved to pay bills from July 18, 2025 – August 21, 2025: Checks 15730-1515766 from General Checking for \$52,973.26; from Online Bill Pay for \$24,539.50; and Payroll Checking for \$163,332.38 for a grand total of \$240,845.14. Peggy Brotzke motioned to pay the bills. Carol Brown seconded. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**25R.09.10 Finance** No meeting.

**25R.09.11 Policies & Bylaws** Have had meetings and will pass along suggested changes to the attorney. No new meetings have been planned.

**25R.09.12 Personnel (Director Search)** Hoping to have interviews start in two weeks. Believes there might be issues with potential candidates seeing information about Lapeer District Library in the paper and online and making them not want to apply.

**Lapeer County Report:**

**25R.09.13** No report given.

**Unfinished Business:**

**25R.09.14** None.

**New Business:**

**25R.09.15 LDL 2026 Budget Approval – Requires Action** No discussion on the drafted budget. Perry Valle motioned to approve the budget. Peggy Brotzke seconded. Motion passed.

**25R.09.16 Budget Amendment – To budget line Building for IT cooling replacement – Requires Action.** Peggy Brotzke motioned to approve the Kapala Heating & Air Conditioning quote provided earlier. Seconded by Carol Brown. Motion passed. Perry Valle motioned to approve moving \$25,000 from contingency for IT cooling replacement. Carol Brown seconded. Motion passed.

**25R.09.17 2026 L\_4029 Form Approval and Signature—Requires Action** Perry Valle motioned to approve. Seconded by Peggy Brotzke. Motion passed.

**25R.09.18 Book Purchasing/Ordering** Peggy Brotzke motioned to vote on Proposed Motion Language Regarding Material Acquisitions. Carol Brown seconded. Discussion involving the proposed motion including information about new staff members taking over the department head roles, who would be invited and attend the October board meeting. Motion by Carol Brown to table the Book Purchasing/Ordering Motion. Support by John DeAngelis.

Motion passed

**25R.09.19 New Building/land available in Lapeer – Discussion** Peggy Brotzke shared information about a building on M-21 that could be used for the Lapeer District Library Administration Building. There are two available buildings on the lot, but only one would really suit the needs of LDL. Additional space could be used for programming as well. Peggy Brotzke passed out the cards of the CMP Real Estate Group.

**25R.09.20 Add Advocacy Committee – Standing Committee** Peggy Brotzke discussed the need for an advocacy committee to talk at the local communities and municipalities, especially with the millage in two years. Peggy Brotzke said anyone can join a board committee including the public and suggested members of the public contact Kari Kohlman if they want to serve on a Committee.

#### **Staff Reports**

**25R.09.21 Assistant Director for Technical Services** A written report was submitted and Kara Haight read through and explained each item on the report.

**25R.09.22 Director** No director at this time.

**25R.09.23 Facilities** A written report was submitted.

#### **Communications:**

**25R.9.24** Harmony Crocker Resignation Letter

**25R.09.25** Janelle Bishop Resignation Letter

**25R.09.26** L\_4028 Lapeer County 2026 Millage Reduction Fraction Computation

**25R.09.27** Server AC unit – problem summary and quotes

**25R.09.28** September/October Newsletter

#### **Friends Report (3-6-9-12)**

**25R.09.29** No report.

#### **Board Comments or Request for Information:**

**25R.09.30** Peggy Brotzke spoke about the misinformation she felt was being shared about board members.

**25R.09.31** John DeAngelis commented on how he thought divisive public comment would hurt upcoming millage vote.

#### **MMLC Report:**

**25R.09.32** No report given.

**25R.09.33 Public Comments:** Less than 10 community members spoke.

**25R.09.34 Adjournment:** Carol Brown motioned to adjourn at 12:00pm. Perry Valle

seconded. Motion passed.

**Regular Meeting:  
Lapeer American Legion Post  
October 16, 2025  
10:00 A.M.**

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Jan Gillis – Recorder

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Peggy Brotzke – Secretary

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Kari Kohlman– Chair