

**CITY OF MERRILL
LIBRARY BOARD
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026 MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING - BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE COMMUNITY
ROOM 4:00 PM**

I. Opening

- 1. Call to order and roll call** - M. Geisler called the meeting order at 4PM. Present: K. Breitenmoser, T. Osness. Also present were: L. Ollhoff; T. Brunett.
- 2. Public Comment** - No public comment.

II. Consent Items

III. Reports/Discussion Items/Action Items

- 1. Discussion Item: Library Solar Array and Lease Agreement** - M. Geisler summarized ongoing discussions with Legacy Solar Coop and Northwind Solar in regard to the 2017 Lease for the Solar Array currently installed on the library roof. L. Ollhoff summarized conversation with Josh of Northwind Solar related to the equipment, service contracts, and warranty to include details of the initial installation and replacements that took place at that time. Discussion included comments by K. Breitenmoser confirming that the primary purpose of the project was to educate the public. Discussion included solar project reporting. T. Osness and K. Breitenmoser will examine, evaluate, and review the documentation available to them and a follow-up meeting will be scheduled at a later date. No further discussion.
- 2. Discussion Item: Carnegie Building Roof Repair** - Discussion Item: L. Ollhoff provided the committee members with a status of the fling with the Wisconsin Historical Preservation Committee as it relates to the needed repairs of a section of the room on the original Carnegie library building structure. T. Brunett provided details on what repairs are needed, the difficulty in purchasing clay roofing tiles similar to what is currently installed on the entire roof, and the alternatives that are available. T. Brunett will continue to make contacts with roof contractors to determine what is available. T. Osness and K. Breitenmoser asked for details of the repair project. M. Geisler stated that he would contact B. Pittman, an individual with a similar roof, to determine if he had a surplus of the said tiles. Decision was made to wait for the recommendation and decision by the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Committee before any decisions were made and a follow-up meeting would be scheduled once the report is received by the Library. No further discussion.

IV. Library Director's Report No report was given.

V. President's Remarks No remarks.

VI. Date and Time of Next Meeting

VII. Adjournment T. Osness/K. Breitenmoser/C to adjourn the meeting at 4:41PM.