

## **Mount Pleasant Public Library: Board of Trustees Meeting**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of June 18, 2026**

#### *Trustees & Liaisons present:*

Kent Anker, Julie Edwards, Meredith Hale, Nick Wargo, Rebecca Myers, Alex Kisielewski, Anthony Lohay

#### *Also present:*

Eric McCarthy, Library Director

#### *Trustees & Liaisons absent:*

Thomas Sialiano (Town Liaison), Paul Alvarez (Village Liaison), Frank Casale, Edward Eisenman, Martha Mesiti (Assistant Director)

#### **Call to order**

Administrative: Trustee Rebecca Myers called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the May 21, 2026 Board meeting were approved. Moved by Trustee Julie Edwards, seconded by Trustee Anthony Lohay, and passed.

#### **Opportunity to Hear from the Public - None**

#### **Opportunity to Hear from Liaisons - None**

#### **Claims of Payment**

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Meredith Hale, and seconded by Trustee Rebecca Myers, that: It is hereby resolved that, after review, the Library Board approves the following payments for the month of June 2026:

- Invoices charged against Trust & Agency Funds: \$4,966.19
- Invoices charged against the General fund: \$50,683.96
- Invoices charged against the General fund paid via the Library credit card: \$1,024.05 • Invoices charged against Trust & Agency Funds paid via the Library credit card: \$1,341.74

#### **202606-01 The motion passed.**

## **Directors Report**

Director McCarthy provided the following updates:

- Reviewed updates on contract negotiations with the architecture firm H2M Architects, highlighting a discussion that took place about the firm's familiarity with the liabilities of library-related projects. Director McCarthy shared that the library will begin discussing building plans and designs in August 2026 and that this timeline aligns with the parameters of the library grants received for the Master Plan project.
- Shared an overview of upcoming summer programming at the library, including summer reading programs, junior librarian programs, a new StoryWalk in Nannahagan Park, and a community scavenger hunt around Pleasantville. He also shared that children's programming by Miss Debbie reached an impressive 2,750 students this year.
- Shared that one of the library's staff members sadly passed away and that the library will do a dedication to honor her, possibly as a tree planting or other outdoor commemorative feature.
- Given the success of the last book sale, the Friends of the Library organization is planning to have another book sale in 2026 (scheduled for October 22). The Friends expressed their interest in supporting the Master Plan renovation project in some way, possibly by contributing to AV or furniture purchases.

## **New Business**

- Trustee Julie Edwards brought up the availability of bookshelves at the pools to ensure the program would be continued for summer 2026. Director McCarthy confirmed it would be available in addition to digital reading opportunities via QR codes.
- The Board of Trustees agreed that a better understanding of general fundraising rules would benefit the library as it begins the next phase of the Master Plan project.
- Trustee Julie Edwards brought up the library resources at the Pleasantville Middle School, sharing that the school has decided to pare down the book collection to make room for makerspace innovation tools. General discussion about ensuring the library provides a substantial YA and middle school reading age appropriate section to complement school resources. The library will keep this concern in consideration when redesigning the children's room layout and where the YA section will be located.
- The Library staff and board members have expressed interest in getting to know one another so efforts will be made to better connect these groups and build familiarity.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Nick Wargo, and seconded by Trustee Julie Edwards that:  
It is hereby resolved that the following personnel items be approved:

- The Library Board accepts the final lump sum payment to be made to Roberta Kay for unused sick and vacation time for the amount of \$470.23
- Luz Blume, be appointed to the position of Senior Library Clerk, effective June 2026, at the rate of pay stated in the Library's CSEA Agreement Salary Schedule.
- Marie Trapasso, Principal Library Clerk, position be made permanent as of June 18, 2026.

**202606-02 The motion passed.**

Trustee Myers moved for adjournment at 7:55 pm, seconded by Trustee Nick Wargo. Next regular meeting: *Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Alex Kisielewski  
Board Secretary