

**Mount Pleasant Public Library: Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting of February 26, 2026**

Trustees & Liaisons present:

Julie Edwards, Edward Eisenman, Meredith Hale, Alexandra Kisielewski, Rebecca Myers, Nick Wargo; Paul Alvarez (Village Liaison), Thomas Sialiano (Town Liaison),

Also present:

Eric McCarthy, Library Director; Martha Mesiti, Assistant Director

Trustees & Liaisons absent: Kent Anker, Frank Casale, Anthony Lohay

Call to order

Administrative: Trustee Julie Edwards, seconded by Trustee Nick Wargo, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 22, 2026 Board meeting were approved. Moved by Trustee Meredith Hale, seconded by Trustee Julie Edwards, and passed.

Opportunity to Hear from the Public - NONE

Opportunity to Hear from Liaisons

Village Liaison Paul Alvarez – The Village budget is in planning phase with a proposed budget expected by the end of the month and signed in May. Included in the budget is the allocation for Master Plan construction project.

Town Liaison Tom Sialiano – The Town is not in a position to issue a bond for the Master Plan project at this time. However, they will revisit this option at a future date.

Claims of Payment

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Julie Edwards and seconded by Trustee Edward Eisenman that:

It is hereby resolved that, after review, the Library Board approves the following payments for the months of December 2025 and January 2026:

- Invoices charged against Trust & Agency Funds: \$301.99

- Invoices charged against the General fund: \$48,258.13
- General fund invoices paid via the Library credit card: \$1,016.68
- Trust & Agency Funds paid via the Library Credit Card: \$450.00
- Transfer to Town of Mount Pleasant: \$191,519.18

Trustee Nick Wargo inquired about the interest rates offered by the library's financial institutions. Director McCarthy explained that as a municipal library, Mount Pleasant Public Library faces certain restrictions in its choice of banks.

202602-01 The motion passed.

Directors Report

Director McCarthy reviewed the parameters of the grant awarded to the library, including a review of the timeline (break ground before June 22) and what the grant funds can be spent on (capital improvements only, no maintenance).

There was board discussion about the best way to move forward with the Master Plan project and ensure grant funding is retained. There was discussion about centering the first phase of the Master Plan project with an outdoor structure, lease length and potential upgrades in the Valhalla branch location, exploration of impermanent upgrades (chairs, TVs), and potential for a modular project that focuses on one library section.

Director McCarthy shared borrowing challenges experienced by library patrons due to daily caps on Hoopla use put in place by Westchester Library System (downgraded from 5 to 3 borrows per month). Assistant Director Mesiti and Director McCarthy have called Hoopla to explore options regarding platform licenses that will expand patron borrowing. Director McCarthy is awaiting a response from Hoopla on costs related to upgrades.

Director McCarthy and Assistant Director Mesiti explained the higher cost of books this month was due to a transition from Baker & Taylor to Ingram book providers.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Edward Eisenman, and seconded by Trustee Meredith Hale, that:

It is hereby resolved that the Board of Trustees allow Director McCarthy to sign a contract with CClean at a base price of \$6,562 to cover 2/28/26 through 2/28/27 under the condition that the contract remove the following language prior to signature:

Mt Pleasant Public Library (inc) agrees to pay a finance charge of 1.5% per month at an annual rate of 18% on all delinquent invoices as well as expenses, attorney fees and court costs that CClean may incur because of default by Mt Pleasant Public Library (inc)

202602-02 The motion passed.

Old Business - NONE

New Business

Library Director McCarthy confirmed the Annual Report will be ready for review at the March Board meeting.

Trustee Rebecca Myers moved for adjournment at 7:59 PM, seconded by Trustee Nick Wargo.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 P.M. at the Valhalla Branch location.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Kisielewski
Secretary