

**Mount Pleasant Public Library: Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of December 19, 2024**

Trustees & Liaisons present:

Kent Anker, Frank Casale, Julie Edwards, Alexandra Kisielewski, Anthony Lohay, Dick Malina, Rebecca Myers, Mary Ann Quinn, Thomas Sialiano (Town Liaison)

Also present: John Fearon, Library Director; Martha Mesiti, Assistant Library Director; Ian Loehner, HR consultant

Trustees & Liaisons absent: Paul Alvarez (Village Liaison)

**Call to Order**

Administrative: Trustee Anker called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, seconded by Trustee Casale.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the November 21, 2024, Board meeting were approved. Moved by Trustee Malina, seconded by Trustee Myers, and passed.

No members of the public attended the meeting.

**Opportunity to Hear from Liaisons**

Trustee Edwards reported on a conversation with Liaison Alvarez. The Board is working with both liaisons to set up a meeting in January with Supervisor Fulgenzi, Mayor Scherer, David Smyth, and Village and Town administrators. On the agenda would be 1) the request that the Town and Village take over asbestos management for the Library; and 2) a discussion of what precisely needs to happen and what information we need to have in order to get the process rolling on the Master Plan. Liaison Sialiano said that he fully concurred with the plan.

**Claims of Payment**

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Quinn, and seconded by Trustee Myers, that: It is hereby resolved that, after review, the Library Board approves the following payments for the month of December 2024:

- Invoices charged against Trust & Agency Funds: \$82.92
- Invoices charged against the General fund: \$69,761.16

- Invoices paid via the Library credit card: \$1,988.33

**202412-01 The motion passed.**

### **Hours**

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Casale, and seconded by Trustee Malina, that the MPPL 2025 Hours of Operation be approved.

**202412-02 The motion passed.**

### **Directors Report**

Director Fearon reported to the Board that he anticipates retiring in the Spring.

The Library was closed for three days last month for asbestos remediation and related issues. The instance underscores the urgency of sorting out the asbestos issue with regard both to risks and to management responsibility. It may be advisable to conduct a risk audit of the building with regard to asbestos (are there areas that should be remediated now, in order to avoid potential or greater risks later?).

Assistant Director Mesiti reported that the afterschool situation has improved, and that the Library has had positive responses from the schools and from parents to the letter it distributed concerning unsupervised children and appropriate conduct in the library.

### **New Business**

Trustee Meyers presented the nominations for Board officers for 2025.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Lohay, and seconded by Trustee Malina, that:

It is hereby resolved that the following slate of officers be approved for 2025:

- President – Kent Anker
- Vice-President – Frank Casale
- Fiscal Officer - Richard Malina
- Secretary – Alexandra Kisielewski

**202412-03 The motion passed.**

### **Executive Session**

At 7:28 pm, on a motion by Trustee Casale, seconded by Trustee Anker, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:58 pm, on a motion by Trustee Lohay, seconded by Trustee Meyers.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Quinn, and seconded by Trustee Malina, that:

It is hereby resolved that the attached salary schedule, Administration Salaries 2025, be approved.

**202412-04    The motion passed.**

Trustee Quinn moved for adjournment at 9:05 pm, seconded by Trustee Myers.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Quinn

Secretary