

Mount Pleasant Public Library: Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting of January 16, 2025

Trustees & Liaisons present:

Kent Anker, Julie Edwards, Alexandra Kisielewski, Anthony Lohay, Dick Malina,
Meredith Hale

Paul Alvarez (Village Liaison), Thomas Sialiano (Town Liaison)

Also present:

John Fearon, Library Director; Martha Mesiti, Assistant Library Director

Trustees & Liaisons absent: Frank Casale, Rebecca Myers

Administrative: Trustee Julie Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

The minutes of the December 19, 2024 Board meeting were approved. Moved by Trustee Anthony Lohay, seconded by Trustee Dick Malina, and passed.

Paul Alvarez: Village budget renews in May so they started discussing Master Plan financing

Thomas Sialiano: Recommend setting up a meeting with Town Supervisor, Mayor, Comptroller, and 2 Liaisons. This meeting will help everyone agree on a time frame for issuing the bond.

Paul Alvarez: Bond will likely take effect in 2026. Is it an option to have the Library front-load the funds to move forward with drawings? Library Board's commitment to starting drawings could mean they deduct funds from their Phase 1 contribution?

Meeting dates discussed: January 31, February 7, 14; 10am-2pm

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Julie Edwards, and seconded by Trustee Meredith Hale, that:

It is hereby resolved that, after review, the Library Board approves the following payments for the month of January, 2025:

- Invoices charged against Trust & Agency Funds: \$349.08
- Invoices charged against the General fund for fiscal year 2024: \$21,782.16
- Invoices charged against the General fund for fiscal year 2025: \$44,585.84
- Invoices paid via the Library credit card: \$1,582.71

202501-01 The motion passed.

Directors Report

Update: The Library has received a \$30,000 programming grant from Assemblyman Shimsky's office. Assemblyman's office contacted John Fearon.

NOTE: Six motions were reviewed, moved on, seconded, and voted on as a group (202501-02 through 202501-07). Trustee Julie Edwards moved that the motions be approved as a group, and Trustee Alex Kisielewski seconded the motion. Their names appear on each of these motions, listed below. The motions are listed separately, but they passed in a group vote, after being reviewed and discussed individually by the Trustees & Liaisons present.

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

It is hereby resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Mount Pleasant Public Library will hold monthly meetings at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month except in August and December. Meetings will be held in the Community Room at the Main Library.

202501-02 The motion passed.

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

It is hereby resolved that the Library Board of Trustees retain the services of Mark Tulis, Esq., a partner in the law firm of Tulis and Geiger LLP as Library attorney.

202501-03 The motion passed.

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

It is hereby resolved that the Library Board of Trustees authorizes the payment of claims prior to the Library Board's approval of the warrant, contingent upon the approval of all claims by the Library Director and the Town Comptroller. All such claims must be presented for approval at the next regular Board meeting.

202501-04 The motion passed.

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

It is hereby resolved that the Town Comptroller be authorized to transfer funds between the Library and the Town prior to the Library Board's approval.

202501-05 The motion passed.

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

It is hereby resolved that the Journal News be named the sole newspaper of record for the Mount Pleasant Public Library because it meets all criteria for a "newspaper of record" for the area serviced by the library.

202501-06 The motion passed.

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

It is hereby resolved that the following banks are designated as Depositories:

- Orange County Bank & Trust Company
- Tompkins Mahopac Bank

202501-07 The motion passed.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Julie Edwards, and seconded by Trustee Dick Malina, that:

It is hereby resolved that the Town Comptroller be authorized to make all 2024 year-end budget transfers necessary to bring the Library's financial records into compliance with NYS regulations and to distribute excess revenues in fiscal year 2024 as follows:

- Add \$144,600 to the Library's Capital Reserve Fund
- Add any additional funds to the Library's Unrestricted Reserve

202501-08 The motion passed.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Julie Edwards, and seconded by Trustee Anthony Lohay, that:

It is hereby resolved that the 2025 IRS mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.70 per mile be approved

202501-09 The motion passed.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Julie Edwards, and seconded by Trustee Meredith Hale, that:

It is hereby resolved that Director Fearon be authorized to sign the proposal GASB 74/75 Actuarial Valuation Services from USI for a total fee of \$5,900

202501-10 The motion passed.

Trustee Julie Edwards moved for adjournment at 8:10 pm, seconded by Trustee Dick Malina.

Next regular meeting: Thursday February 20, at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Kisielewski
Secretary