

**Mount Pleasant Public Library: Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting of January 22, 2026**

Trustees & Liaisons present:

Kent Anker, Frank Casale, Julie Edwards, Meredith Hale, Alexandra Kisielewski, Anthony Lohay, Rebecca Myers, Thomas Sialiano (Town Liaison)

Also present:

Eric McCarthy, Library Director; Martha Mesiti, Assistant Director

Trustees & Liaisons absent:

Edward Eisenman, Nick Wargo, Paul Alvarez (Village Liaison)

Call to order

Trustee Kent Anker called the meeting to order, seconded by Trustee Frank Casale, at 7:05 PM.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 18, 2025 Board meeting were approved. Moved by Trustee Meredith Hale, seconded by Trustee Rebecca Myers, and passed.

Opportunity to Hear from the Public - None

Opportunity to Hear from Liaisons - Town Liaison Tom Sialaino inquired about the potential for ACM remediation to be covered by insurance. There was a brief discussion regarding why insurance would not cover ACM remediation unless there was an accidental incident.

Claims of Payment

Director McCarthy highlighted that the library has subscribed to a new movie service called Swank. This subscription service includes new titles and permits the library to show movies offsite.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Rebecca Myers, and seconded by Trustee Alex Kisielewski, 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: \$388.91
- Invoices charged against the General Fund: \$73,037.13
- General Fund invoices paid via the Library credit card: \$1,409.17

202601-01 The motion passed.

Directors Report

Director McCarthy elaborated on outlying payments in his review of the Municipal Budget, explaining that a payment to the Town of Mount Pleasant covered a Final Lump Sum payment for a retiring employee’s unused leave and the Library’s retirement contribution to NYS.

Director McCarthy and Assistant Director Mesiti highlighted the general increase in library statistics between December 2024 and December 2025, with special mention of visitors, loans, and attendance at children’s programming.

Director McCarthy reported that the Friends of the Library organization generously provided the library with a contribution of \$9,083. This contribution will be used to pay for the library’s Museum Pass program. The Friends are also on target to hold the annual spring book sale and have been collecting materials in preparation.

Director McCarthy and Assistant Director Mesiti shared that the YA Librarian has been conducting outstanding outreach in local schools and the community to engage YA readers.

After discussion, it was passed by acclamation that:

The following slate of officers be named to the Mount Pleasant Library Board of Trustees:

- President – Kent Anker
- Vice-President – Rebecca Myers
- Fiscal Officer – Eddie Eisenman
- Secretary – Alexandra Kisielewski

202601-02 The motion passed.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Frank Casale, and seconded by Trustee Meredith Hale 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. There will be one exception

to this schedule, which is as follows: the February meeting will be held on February 26 at the Main Branch Library to accommodate the President's Day holiday. Please see the attached Schedule of Board Meeting Dates for a complete list of dates and locations.

202601-03 The motion passed.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Julie Edwards, and seconded by Trustee Frank Casale that:

It is hereby resolved that the Library Board of Trustees retain the services of Robert Scofield, Esq., a partner in the law firm of Whiteman Osterman & Hanna as Library attorney.

202601-04 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 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. The Library Board also authorizes the Town Comptroller to transfer funds between the Library and the Town prior to the Library Board's approval.

202601-05 The motion passed.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Julie Edwards, and seconded by Trustee Rebecca Myers, that: It is hereby resolved that the following banks are designated as Depositories:

- Orange County Bank & Trust Company
- Tompkins Mahopac Bank

202601-06 The motion passed.

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

202601-07 The motion passed.

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

It is hereby resolved that the Town Comptroller be authorized to make all 2025 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 2025 in the Library's Unrestricted Reserve Fund.

202601-08 The motion passed.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Meredith Hale, and seconded by Trustee Rebecca Myers, that:

It is hereby resolved that the 2026 IRS mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.725 per mile be approved.

202601-9 The motion passed.

Personnel

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Frank Casale, and seconded by Trustee Rebecca Myers that :

It is hereby resolved that the Library Board accepts the Final Lump Sum payment to be made to Donna Coppola for unused sick time, vacation time, personal time, and comp time.

New Business

Master Plan updates: Director McCarthy reiterated the sensitive timeline for grant funding received by the library. This grant funding must be spent on capital expenses and a project must be initiated within the next 6 month period in order to retain the funds.

Trustee Rebecca Myers shared that there is online discussion regarding public interest in providing more dedicated quiet workspaces for the community. There was a brief conversation about how the library can fulfill this public interest for workspaces in the Master Plan project.

Trustee Rebecca Myers moved for adjournment at 7:46 P.M., seconded by Trustee Frank Casale.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, February 26, at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Kisielewski
Secretary

Mount Pleasant Public Library 2026 Board Meeting Dates

Date	Location	Branch Library
January 22	Pleasantville	7pm
February 26	Valhalla	7pm
March 19	Valhalla	7pm
April 16	Pleasantville	7pm
May 21	Pleasantville	7pm
June 18	Pleasantville	7pm
July 16	Pleasantville	7pm
August 20	Pleasantville	7pm
September 17	Pleasantville	7pm
October 15	Pleasantville	7pm
November 19	Pleasantville	7pm
December 17	Pleasantville	7pm

Pleasantville location: 350 Bedford Road Pleasantville, NY 10570

Valhalla location: 125 Lozza Drive Valhalla, NY 10595