

Mount Pleasant Public Library: Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting of September 15, 2022

Trustees & Liaisons present: Dick Malina, Mary Ann Quinn, Julie Edwards, Marcie Krauss, Rebecca Myers, Eric Neuman, Frank Casale, Donna Gambaccini

Also present:

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

Trustees & Liaisons absent: James Riina, David Vinjamuri (Village Liaison), Thomas Sialiano (Town Liaison)

Call to order

Administrative: Trustee Krauss called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 18, 2022, Board meeting were approved. Moved by Trustee Casale, seconded by Trustee Edwards, and passed.

Opportunity to Hear from the Public: Library staff member Alex Kiffer co-hosted the Zoom meeting; there was no other public in attendance.

Claims of Payment

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Myers, and seconded by Trustee Quinn, that:
It is hereby resolved that the Town Comptroller be authorized to:

- Pay all vouchers reviewed and approved by the Director and the Comptroller, for the month of September 2022, for a total of \$40,375.79.

202209-01 The motion passed.

Directors Report

Director Fearon reviewed Library finances and statistics. Circulation figures for books and ebooks combined are close to pre-pandemic levels (and ebooks remain high since the pandemic); but people have been slower to return to extended in-person use of the Library. The Library will be opening on Sundays starting on September 25, and the Branch Library will be open on Saturdays.

The first phase of the drainage project is completed, Trenching and the installment of footing drains will be completed later in the fall.

Director Fearon presented the draft Budget for 2023, representing a funding request increase of 1.9 percent. He also presented the Library's 2021 annual report to the public for the Board's approval.

To facilitate the processing of certain payments, the Library proposes to use the Town's credit card for some transactions and with Board approval will adopt the Town of Mount Pleasant Credit Card Policy.

Master Plan

The Library and Henry Myerberg will be presenting the Master Plan to the Town Council and the Village Board at a joint meeting on October 18. The Library's position is that the current situation is untenable and that the Library cannot continue to function without dealing with the asbestos issue.

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

It is hereby resolved that the 2021 Annual Report to the Public be approved.

202209-02 The motion passed.

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

It is hereby resolved that the 2023 Draft Budget, with a funding request of \$2,912,621, be approved and forwarded to the Town and Village for review.

202209-03 The motion passed.

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

It is hereby resolved that:

- The Library adopt the Town of Mount Pleasant Credit Card Policy
- The Library Director, and in his absence the Assistant Director, be authorized to approve up to \$12,000 of purchases per fiscal year
- In addition to the expenses detailed in the Town Credit Card Policy, the Library Director is authorized to use the credit card to pay expenses that would otherwise necessitate the use of a personal credit card or expose the Library to the possibility of late fees.

202209-04 The motion passed.

Branch contract

The Library will be renegotiating the lease for the Branch Library in October. As Recreation Center programs have shifted to the schools, the Branch has seen a drop in attendance. There is also some discussion of a new Rec Center building for Mount Pleasant, which makes the status of possible Branch renovations unclear.

Trustee Gambaccini moved for adjournment at 7:55 pm, seconded by Trustee Myers.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Quinn
Secretary