

Mount Pleasant Public Library: Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of July 18, 2024

Trustees & Liaisons present:

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

Also present: Martha Mesiti, Assistant Library Director

Trustees & Liaisons absent: Kent Anker; John Fearon, Library Director

Call to order

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

The Board welcomed Trustee Lohay to his first meeting as Trustee, following his appointment by the Town.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 13, 2024, Board meeting were approved. Moved by Trustee Casale, seconded by Trustee Myers, and passed.

Opportunity to Hear from the Public: One member of the public attended the meeting as an observer.

Opportunity to Hear from Liaisons

Trustees Alvarez and Sialiano affirmed that the Village and Town are committed to moving forward on the master plan for the Library and that each intends to bond for the capital costs. The Village needs a resolution from the town before it can take further action. Trustee Sialiano indicated that the Town will be including the project in its FY 2025 budget and that they will work together with the Village to complete the formal commitments and get the project underway.

Claims of Payment

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

It is hereby resolved that, after review, the Library Board approves the following payments for the month of June 2024:

- Invoices charged against Trust & Agency Funds: \$ 1,919.80
- Invoices charged against the General fund: \$71,599.46
- Invoices paid via the Library credit card: \$3,214.54

202407-01 The motion passed.

Directors Report

Assistant Director Mesiti presented the monthly review of Library finances and statistics. Finances remain strong, with nothing unusual to report. With respect to Usage statistics, the Library is having a “spectacular summer.” The number of new cards issued, Museum Pass loans, and visitors to the Library are all up substantially. Enrollment in the summer reading program has grown across all age groups, including adults. People are coming back to the Library, but Assistant Director Mesiti also attributes the boom to the fact that the Children’s and Young Adults’ librarian positions are now fully - and well - staffed.

Approval of 2023 Audited Financial Statements

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

It is hereby resolved that, after review, the Library Board approves the 2023 Audited Financial Statements.

202407-02 The motion passed.

Friends of the Library Request

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

It is hereby resolved that the Board respond to the Friends of the Library that storage space is no longer available, particularly given the intended overhaul of the Library’s facilities and spaces.

202407-03 The motion passed.

Room Use Request

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

It is hereby resolved that the Mystery Book Club, “Murder Most Foul,” be allowed to use the Library more than four times in 2024.

202407-04 The motion passed.

Trustee Myers moved for adjournment at 7:57 pm, seconded by Trustee Malina.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, September 19, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Quinn

Secretary