

Mount Pleasant Public Library: Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting of December 18, 2025

Trustees & Liaisons present:

Kent Anker, Frank Casale, Edward Eisenman, Meredith Hale, Alexandra Kisielewski, Anthony Lohay, Dick Malina, Rebecca Myers

Also present:

Eric McCarthy, Library Director; Martha Mesiti, Assistant Director

Trustees & Liaisons absent:

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

Call to order

Administrative: Trustee Rebecca Myers called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 20, 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 - N/A

Claims of Payment

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

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

- Invoices charged against Trust & Agency Funds: \$281.89
- Invoices charged against the General fund: \$53,001.54
- General fund invoices paid via the Library credit card: \$932.51
- Trust and Agency funds invoice paid with the Library credit card: \$144.00

202512-01 The motion passed.

Directors Report

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Edward Eisenman, and seconded by Trustee Anthony Lohay:

It is hereby resolved that the following groups be authorized to meet at the Library more than four times in 2026:

- Westchester Knitting Guild
- Mystery Book Club
- Comedy Performance Workshop
- People Love Yarn
- Mah Jongg open play
- Wonder Village

202512-02 The motion passed.

Per previous authorization granted by the Library Board, a new contract with Regina Landscaping has been signed. This new contract requires the company to use electric (versus gas-powered) tools on library property.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Meredith Hale, and seconded by Trustee Anthony Lohay that:

It is hereby resolved that the Library Board accepts the contract for Scutum Consulting dba Comlab Systems to be signed.

202512-03 The motion passed.

Executive Session

At 7:20 pm, it was moved by Trustee Rebecca Myers and passed by Board Acclamation that the Board move into executive session.

202512-04 The motion passed.

At 7:35 pm, it was moved by Trustee Alex Kisielewski and passed by Board Acclamation that the Board move out of executive session.

202512-05 The motion passed.

Personnel

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Alex Kisielewski, and seconded by Trustee Rebecca Myers that the Memorandum of Agreement to amend the 2023-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement and which shall be incorporated into a new agreement for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028 is approved.

202512-06 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 attached salary schedule for Authorized Personnel 2026, be approved. This motion also approves a salary increase in the amount of 3 percent for Director and Assistant Director roles.

202512-07 The motion passed.

After discussion, it was approved by Trustee Dick Malina, and seconded by Trustee Edward Eisenman, that the MPPL 2026 Hours of Operation be approved.

202512-08 The motion passed.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Kent Anker, and passed by Board Acclamation:

WHEREAS, Donna Coppola has been an outstanding and highly valued employee of the Mount Pleasant Public Library for twenty-five years and will be retiring on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Donna began as an Adult Page and rose quickly to the position of Senior Clerk and then to Principal Clerk and Branch Circulation Supervisor at the Branch Library in Valhalla, where she oversaw the smooth and efficient operation of circulation services there for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Donna has been a welcoming face of the Library at the Branch and Main libraries and a model of courteous, helpful and friendly customer service; and

WHEREAS, over the years Donna has come to know and to be known by many of our patrons, greeting them by name, which has created a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all, enriching the entire Mount Pleasant community; THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Pleasant Public Library, on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

- Recognizes Donna for her unwavering commitment to exceptional library service and warm supervision of circulation staff,
- Expresses its appreciation and gratitude for her contributions to the Library and community, and
- Joins with the Board of Trustees in congratulating her on her well-earned retirement.

202512-09 The motion passed.

Old Business

Master Plan Updates: Closed meetings have taken place between Town Supervisor Fulgenzi and Village Mayor Scherer to discuss progress and possibilities for advancement of the Library Master Plan in 2026.

New Business

After discussion, it was decided that the following motion be tabled and instead discussed and voted upon in January 2026:

It is hereby resolved that the following slate of officers be approved for 2026:

- President:
- Vice-President:
- Fiscal Officer:
- Secretary:

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Kent Anker, and passed by Board Acclamation:

WHEREAS, Dick Malina has been a member of the Mount Pleasant Public Library Board of Trustees for the last seven years, and

WHEREAS, he has served as our Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, keeping the fun in our fund balances and preserving donor restrictions, carefully reading each month's claims register, never missing an increase in regular costs from maintenance to insurance premiums, and not being distracted by monthly changes in museum pass use or reimbursements; and

WHEREAS, Dick was steadfast in his support for the library, mastery of the master plan, and politic in his political knowledge, and

WHEREAS, Dick's warm and welcoming leadership will be missed, as he announces his resignation as a Trustee, but not as a lover of the library, as of December 31, 2025, we are pleased he will remain with us through this budget cycle,

it is hereby RESOLVED that

The Board of Trustees will greatly miss Mr. Malina's fellowship, and offers its deep thanks and appreciation for Mr. Malina's service as a Trustee, wishing him all the best and looking forward to seeing him in the stacks.

202512-10 The motion passed.

Next Meeting

Next regular meeting: Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Kisielewski
Secretary