

Plattekill Public Library  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: William Farrell, President; Joseph Egan, Vice President; John Reynolds, Trustee; Mark Cambalik, Trustee; Phil Johnson, Trustee; Jasmine Vazquez; Trustee; Darren Lanspery, Director; Mayleen Torres-Rivera, Bookkeeper; Donna Ebanks, Secretary

Guest: Attorney J. Benjamin Gailey

**Public Comment:** None **Correspondence:** None

**Introduction:** W. Farrell introduced J. Benjamin Gailey, an attorney with the law firm of Jacobowitz and Gubits, LLP. The Board engaged in a discussion with Mr. Gailey regarding his experience with public libraries.

*7:10 pm: Trustee David Padilla arrived.*

*7:19 pm: Mr. Gailey left the meeting.*

- Motion to select J. Benjamin Gailey as the attorney for the Plattekill Public Library at a rate of \$200 per hour was made by J. Egan and seconded by D. Padilla; all were in favor. Motion passed.
- Motion to disengage with Attorney Robert Schofield's law firm due to lack of responsiveness, and for this reason, the Board will now proceed with a new attorney was made by W. Farrell and seconded by M. Cambalik; all were in favor. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:**

The Treasurer's report was read and discussed.

- Motion to approve the July 2022 payroll was made by M. Cambalik and seconded by J. Egan; all were in favor. Motion passed.
- Motion to approve the checks pending audit was made by D. Padilla and seconded by P. Johnson; all were in favor. Motion passed.
- Motion to approve the following transfers from the savings account: \$3000 to the new debit card account; \$10,000 to the corporate checking account; \$20,00 to the payroll account, was made by D. Padilla and seconded by M. Cambalik; all were in favor. Motion passed.
- Motion to approve the Vanguard ID System (library card vendor) purchase order for \$600 was made by J. Egan and seconded by M. Cambalik; all were in favor. Motion passed.

**Secretary's Report:**

- Motion to approve July 13, 2022, Regular Board Meeting minutes was made by P. Johnson and seconded by D. Padilla. Abstentions: M. Cambalik and J. Egan; all others were in favor. Motion passed.

**Director's Report:**

- Septic tank has been cleaned
- Friends raffle is ongoing and the drawing will be held on August 15
- Library received an MHLS grant for \$1100 to assist our Spanish-speaking population
- Library is again participating in the Great Give Back food collection program for distribution to local food pantries
- There are 193 people registered for our Summer Reading Program

**Committee Reports:**

Respective Chairs briefed the Board

- Technology Committee met on July 25
- Building and Grounds Committee met on July 28
- Plans and Operations met on August 9

- Motion to spend up to \$1800 to research the septic issue and have it investigated was made by W. Farrell and seconded by J. Egan; all were in favor. Motion passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Election Timeline Items:**

- Motion to appoint Darren Lanspery as the Clerk of the election was made by W. Farrell and seconded by M. Cambalik; all were in favor. Motion passed.
- Motion to appoint Erin Gadol as Chairperson of the election was made by W. Farrell and seconded by M. Cambalik; all were in favor. Motion passed.
- Motion to authorize the Director to hire two Election Clerks at \$15 per hour was made by J. Egan and seconded by D. Padilla; all were in favor. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

The Board discussed the 2022 Facility Plan.

**Adjournment:** → Motion to adjourn at 9 pm was made by D. Padilla.

Respectfully submitted by:

Board Secretary

Donna Ebanks