

Amended September 11, 2024
Plattekill Public Library
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2024

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

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

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: A thank-you letter was received from the Plattekill Golden Seniors, expressing their gratitude for the new bulletin board installed in the Community Room specifically for their use.

Financial Report:

The Treasurer's report was read and discussed.

- Motion to approve the recommended transfers from the savings account: \$1,000 to the M&T debit card account; \$15,000 to the general checking account; \$25,000 to the payroll account; and \$22,980 from the contingency fund to the general checking was made by J. Reynolds and seconded by B. Diorio. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve the July 2024 payroll was made by D. Padilla and seconded by J. Egan. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve the checks pending audit was made by M. Cambalik and seconded by D. Padilla. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to disperse the funds from the CD that comes due this month as follows: \$100,000 to the general operating account; and \$100,000 to the capital fund was made by J. Egan and seconded by W. Farrell. All were in favor: motion passed.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept the July 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting minutes was made by D. Padilla and seconded by M. Cambalik. All were in favor: motion passed.

Director's Report:

The Director's report was read and discussed.

- New air-conditioning units were installed in the Circulation Desk area and the Community Room
- Stairlift was serviced and the battery was replaced

- Electric line was installed for the new outdoor sign
- Parking lot line painting completed
- Construction grant for the septic system has been submitted
- Plattekill Library will again collect food donations for local pantries. Most libraries in Ulster County will participate in this year's food fight
- The Annual UCLA dinner will take place on September 10 in Kingston; all Trustees are welcome to attend
- A total of 201 children, teens, and adults registered for our summer reading contest

2024 Budget Vote & Trustee Election items:

- Motion to appoint Darren Lanspery as Clerk of the Election was made by J. Egan and seconded by D. Padilla. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to appoint Laura Dougherty as Chairperson of the Election was made by M. Cambalik and seconded by D. Padilla. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to authorize the Director to hire two Board of Election clerks at \$18 per hour was made by J. Reynolds and seconded by B. Diorio. All were in favor: motion passed.

Committee Reports - respective chairs briefed the Board:

Technology Committee met on July 31; Chair M. Cambalik

Personnel Committee met on August 8; Chair J. Egan

Budget & Finance Committees met on August 8; Chair W. Farrell

Plans & Operations met on August 14; Chair M. Cambalik

- Motion to approve the 2025 staff raise increases, as recommended by the Personnel Committee was made by J. Egan and seconded by M. Cambalik. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve the tax cap resolution as written and read by J. Egan: Whereas, due to the timing of the State Comptroller's Office in releasing the statistics needed to calculate the actual tax levy limit, the adoption of the 2025 budget for the Plattekill Public Library may require a tax levy increase that technically exceeds the tax cap imposed by the state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and 2. Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the Library's Board of Trustees to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by at least sixty percent of qualified board members; now there be it Resolved, that on August 14, 2024, at least sixty percent of the Board of Trustees of the Plattekill Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit if necessary. Motion made by J. Egan and seconded by D. Padilla. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to raise the proposed 2025 budget by three percent (3%), for a total of \$504,768.62, was made by M. Cambalik and seconded by J. Reynolds. All were in favor: motion passed.

Unfinished Business: The Board discussed the following items

- Individuals wishing to run for election must return their petitions to the library by 3 PM on Saturday, August 17, to have their name included on the ballot.
- Electronic outdoor sign
- Playground equipment donated from the Town

New Business: The Board discussed the following items

- Allen Ross architecture contract
- Tax cap resolution and proposed 2025 budget were discussed under Committee Reports

Adjournment: → Motion to adjourn at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Board Secretary
Donna Ebanks