

Plattekill Public Library
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2025

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

Present: William Farrell, President; Joe Egan, Vice President; Mark Cambalik, Trustee; David Padilla, Trustee; Betty Diorio, Trustee; George Hickey, Trustee; Darren Lanspery, Director; Mayleen Torres-Rivera, Treasurer; Donna Ebanks, Secretary

Excused: John Reynolds, Trustee

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

Financial Report:

Treasurer's report was read and discussed:

- Motion to approve payment of the bills pending audit was made by W. Farrell and seconded by D. Padilla. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve the payroll for the month of April was made by M. Cambalik and seconded by J. Egan. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve the following transfers from the savings account: \$2,500 to the debit card account; \$15,000 to the corporate general checking account; \$25,000 to the payroll account; was made by D. Padilla and seconded by G. Hickey. All were in favor: motion passed.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept March 12, 2025, Regular Board meeting minutes was made by G. Hickey, and seconded by D. Padilla. M. Cambalik and G. Hickey abstained. All others were in favor: motion passed.

Director's Report was read and discussed:

- Two trees were trimmed in the back yard of the library property
- Well drilling project began on April 8
- Work ongoing on one of the restroom toilets and a closet in the Community Room
- State: Budget is under negotiation. NY library funding levels are unknown until the process is complete
- Federal: Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) closed, and all employees put on leave. Funding from this office includes pay for the New York State Division of Library Development (DLD) employee salaries. DLD oversees funding for Library Systems, Construction Grants, etc.
- We are hosting a pet food/supplies donation box for Girl Scout Troop 60123. The donations will benefit the Humane Society of Walden. Box will be available until April 26

- We now have access to online major daily newspapers: NY Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times. This was made possible through the Ulster County Library Association with funding provided by the Ulster County Legislature
- Library received a check for \$680 from Stewarts for a grant to be used for the Summer Reading Program
- Hannaford will once again be supporting the library in May with their bag purchasing program
- MHLS Road Trip: Starting in June, MHLS will sponsor an event whereby individuals visiting all sixty-six MHLS libraries will receive a “platinum” library card

Committee Reports:

The Plans and Operations Committee met on March 27; Committee Chair Mark Cambalik briefed the Board.

Unfinished Business Discussions:

- Architect meetings
- Well

New Business Discussions:

- Hiring of a Part-time employee
 - Approval of the annual report to the community
 - Lawn maintenance contract 2025-2026
- Motion to approve the annual report to the community was made by M. Cambalik and seconded by George Hickey. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve the Cross Landscaping contract for the 2025-2026 landscaping season was made by J. Egan and seconded by G. Hickey. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to follow the Federal rate for milage reimbursement was made by G. Hickey and seconded by D. Padilla. All were in favor: motion passed.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Donna Ebanks
Board Secretary