

Plattekill Public Library
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Excused: Trustee; George Hickey

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: Letter received from Town Supervisor Dean Depew to be discussed under new business.

Financial Report:

Treasurer's report was read and discussed:

- Motion to approve payment of the bills pending audit was made by J. Egan and seconded by D. Padilla. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve the payroll for the month of May 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; \$10,000 to the corporate general checking account; \$25,000 to the payroll account; and \$10,000 from the capital savings to the capital checking account was made by J. Egan and seconded by D. Padilla. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve depositing \$75,000 from the contingency fund into a six-month CD was made by M. Cambalik and seconded by J. Reynolds. All were in favor: motion passed.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept May 14, 2025, Regular Board meeting minutes was made by J. Egan, and seconded by M. Cambalik. All were in favor: motion passed.

Director's Report was read and discussed:

- Work is ongoing in one of the restrooms in the Community Room
- Work on the library lawn and gardens is ongoing
- A first aid kit was purchased for the Community Room
- Security cabinet for storing TV accessories and microphone has been installed in the Community Room

- Due to the current challenges in library funding at the Federal level, MHLS will start holding periodic advocacy briefings for Trustees and Directors. The first one will be held on June 25
- New microphone system was purchased and used by the seniors for their last meeting
- As a May recipient of the Hannaford Community Bag Program, \$43 was raised for the library
- The Friends of the Plattekill Library raised close to \$500 at their book sale on June 7
- The library hosted a promotional event on May 20, when Congressman Pat Ryan's CARES Van was here. Spectrum News TV had a short segment on TV and published an article. The role libraries play in helping patrons obtain government benefits was the focus
- MHLS Road Trip is ongoing and will be through October 18; we had our first visitor on June 7
 - Motion to approve the hiring of Emily Amoia, for a part-time position of 15-20 hours per week at \$15.50 per hour, was made by B. Diorio and seconded by J. Reynolds. All were in favor: motion passed.
 - Motion to approve a new position title of part-time maintenance employee, with a six-month review period, for 8 to 10 hours per week at \$15.50 per hour, was made by D. Padilla and seconded by M. Cambalik. All were in favor: motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- Plans and Operations met on 5/21 and 6/5
- Technology met on 6/2

Mark Cambalik, Chair of the Plans and Operations and Technology Committees briefed the Board.

- Motion to create an ad hoc fund-raising committee, with David Padilla as committee chair was made by W. Farrell and seconded by M. Cambalik. All were in favor: motion passed.

Unfinished Business Discussions:

- Credit card for the library
- Hiring a fiscal bond advisor
 - The Plattekill Public Library Board of Trustees, motions to authorize the current Library Director, Darren Lanspery, to seek funding on behalf of Plattekill Public Library for a credit card with a credit limit of \$15,000, was made by J. Reynolds and seconded by M. Cambalik. All were in favor: motion passed.

New Business Discussions:

- Boy Scout troop using the Community Room on a regular basis
- Estimates for installing a water line into the building from the new well
- Letter from Town Supervisor Dean Depew
 - Motion to approve the Plattekill Cub Scouts conducting their weekly meetings on Fridays in the Community Room was made by J. Reynolds and seconded by M. Cambalik. All were in favor: motion passed.
 - Motion to approve hiring Congelosi Pumps Inc., to install the water line from the new well into the building at a maximum cost of \$4,000 was made by J. Egan and seconded by J. Reynolds. All were in favor: motion passed.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:59 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Donna Ebanks
Board Secretary