

Plattekill Public Library
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Excused: Will Farrell, President

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

Financial Report:

Treasurer's report was read and discussed:

- Motion to approve the payroll for the month of October 2025, was made by M. Cambalik and seconded by G. Hickey. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve payment of the bills pending audit was made by D. Padilla and seconded by M. Cambalik. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to approve the following transfers from the savings account: \$57,000 to the corporate general checking account; \$25,000 to the payroll account was made by J. Reynolds and seconded by M. Cambalik. All were in favor: motion passed.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept October 8, 2025, Regular Board meeting minutes was made M. Cambalik and seconded by J. Reynolds. G. Hickey abstained; all others were in favor: motion passed.

Director's Report was read and discussed:

- Ultraviolet lights for water purification is in process of being set up
- Small furnace can run according to the plumber's feedback
- Electronic people counter added to the entrance staircase in the library. This will allow us to see visitor statistics, which are used for the annual report
- Will added a new shed to the library property for storing tools
- At the request of the Plattekill Golden Seniors club, a cherry tree was planted on the property by Will, as a memorial to the passing of a long-time member of the club
- Food Drive: 322 items were donated this year. This is approximately a 30% increase from last year. Donations were split and given to the Christian Community Deliverance Center Pantry and the Clintondale Church Pantry

- Grants & Donations:
 - Hudson Valley Youth – \$2000 awarded – grant awarded for youth health and fitness programs
 - Severus Foundations - \$10,000 (donation)
 - Assemblymember Jacobson grant in progress - \$50,000; paperwork completed by Darren and he is waiting for further notification
 - Construction grant funds of \$22,719 to go towards the total cost of a new septic system– final notice from NY State should be arriving soon. If formally approved, we have six months to begin the project
- Public Forums: Two forums took place, one on 10/14 and one on 11/3. The public provided good feedback, and we heard a lot of positive comments
- Successful Programs: Our Scary Halloween Obstacle Course had about 225 people in total with children having a great time navigating the graveyard obstacle course. All received a bag of candy

Committee Reports:

Policy Committee met on November 3; Chair D. Padilla briefed the Board.

Plans & Operations Committee met on November 11; Chair M. Cambalik briefed the Board.

- Motion to hire Nostrand Builders for repairs to the siding on the library building, not exceeding the amount of \$1,200 was made J. Reynolds and seconded by G. Hickey. All were in favor: motion passed

Unfinished Business Discussions:

Water treatment and flow testing

New Business Discussions:

Approval of the 2026 library holiday calendar

Snowplowing contract for 2025-2026

- Motion to accept the Plattekill Library 2026 holiday calendar was made by M. Cambalik and seconded by G. Hickey. All were in favor: motion passed.
- Motion to accept the Cross Landscaping & Lawn Care snowplowing contract for \$3,400; the contract will be from November 1, 2025, to March 1, 2026 and November 1, 2026, to March 1, 2027, was made by J. Reynolds and seconded by G. Hickey. All were in favor: motion passed.

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn was made at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Donna Ebanks

Board Secretary