

**Mount Pleasant Public Library: Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of June 15, 2023**

Trustees & Liaisons present: Dick Malina, Mary Ann Quinn, Julie Edwards, James Riina, Rebecca Myers, Frank Casalo, Donna Gambaccini, Kent Anker,

Also present: John Fearon, Library Director; Martha Mesiti, Assistant Library Director

Trustees & Liaisons absent: Eric Neuman, Donna Gambaccini, Paul Alvarez (Village Liaison), Thomas Sialiano (Town Liaison)

**Call to order**

Administrative: Trustee Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the May 18, 2023, Board meeting were approved. Moved by Trustee Riina, seconded by Trustee Malina, and passed.

**Opportunity to Hear from the Public** There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Claims of Payment**

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Quinn, and seconded by Trustee Myers, that:  
It is hereby resolved that, after review, the Library Board approves the following payments for the month of June, 2023:

- Invoices charged against Trust & Agency Funds: \$4,694.51
- Invoices charged against the General fund: \$61,266.31
- Invoices paid via the Library credit card: \$687.34

**202306-01     The motion passed.**

**Master Plan Presentation**

Director Fearon made a presentation to the Board on the Master Plan, reviewing its Finances and its Key Items, analyzing areas (such as shelving and office space) where the proposals do not meet Library needs, and offering and inviting general ideas on how the Library might move forward in implementing portions of the Master Plan in a phased approach and with appropriate support from the Town and the Village. The Board then engaged in a broad discussion of possible ways to scale back on the Plan, without losing the renewal we are seeking from it. The Master Plan presents a vision for the Library, but it does not outline the detailed plans needed to

achieve it. Trustees expressed the sense that the Library needs to be very specific about its needs (e.g., for renovated and reconfigured space, as well as for remediation), so that its financial and other calculations are real. The goal is a final project budget that is realistic enough for the Town and Village to buy in to it.

Director Fearon will ask Town Engineer David Smyth to help analyze the budget for a full renovation and to break down the specific costs and give estimates for phased renovations. A basement renovation would most likely be the first stage, as most of the surfaces require asbestos remediation.

### **Directors Report**

- Library finances remain in good shape.
- The Library has finally received the necessary paperwork from the contractor for the waterproofing project in basement lobby, and work should begin soon.
- Director Fearon presented the recommendations of an arborist-consultant for plantings on the Romer Avenue side of the Library and for a tree for the front lawn.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Malina, and seconded by Trustee Casale, that:  
It is hereby resolved that the Board recommend the planting of native grasses along the railing on the Romer Avenue side of the building and also the planting of a new tree on the front lawn. The tree is to be one of four recommended by the Library's arborist, John Moran, with the Village to make the final determination. This work will begin after approval from the Village is received.

**202306-02      The motion passed.**

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Myers, and seconded by Trustee Anker, that:  
It is hereby resolved that the following personnel items be approved:

- Alan Briones be appointed to the position of substitute librarian, effective June 20, 2023, at the rates of pay detailed in the 2023 Authorized Personnel Salary Schedule

**202306-03      The motion passed.**

Trustee Casale moved for adjournment at 9:05 pm, seconded by Trustee Quinn.

Next regular meeting: **Thursday July 13**, at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Quinn  
Secretary