

**Mount Pleasant Public Library: Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of March 19, 2020 (via Zoom)**

Trustees & Liaisons present: Emil Muccin, Larry Levine, Dick Malina, Robert Huerster, Julie Edwards, Mary Ann Quinn, Marcie Krauss, James Riina, David Vinjamuri (Village Liaison), Jerry Schulman (Town Liaison)

Also present: John Fearon, Library Director; Vivian Gufarotti, Assistant Library Director; Richard Stumbo (Asbestos consultant); David Smith (Town engineer)

Trustees & Liaisons absent: Jorge Marmol

Administrative: Trustee Muccin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the February 20, 2020 Board meeting were approved. Moved by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Edwards, and passed.

No members of the public joined the meeting.

**Claims of Payment**

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Quinn, and seconded by Trustee Malina, that:

It is hereby resolved that the Town Comptroller be authorized to pay:

- All vouchers reviewed and approved by the Director and the Comptroller, for the month of February 2020, for a total of \$43,462.16
- Shredit \$157.03 for shredding services
- Demco \$1,978.99 for a one-year subscription to Sign Up
- CSEA \$1,499.28 for dental and vision benefits for April
- Pro-Quest up to \$2,000 for Ancestry database

**202003-01      The motion passed.**

**Facilities Planning**

Director Fearon reported on conference calls with the village and with the town concerning facilities planning. The consensus is that the Library will continue in its current 350 Bedford Rd building for the foreseeable future, and that it consequently makes sense to begin to address the need for asbestos abatement.

The hope is to do zoned, partial abatements that could be linked to other renovations and that would consider airflow and other structural issues in identifying isolated sections for abatement. Discussion focused on what might be done in the current shutdown and what kind of planning would be needed. Preserving the Library Construction and DASNY grants is a significant concern. The grants can be used for reconstruction, but not for the abatement. It is possible that they could be extended, but it would be preferable to be able to expend the funds and not risk losing them. Director Fearon will look into the possibility of doing a partial abatement of the ceiling tiles. The board will also need to consider the choice of an architect for abatement and renovation planning.

### **Coronavirus**

Director Fearon updated the board on the Library's efforts to enhance remote access and outreach, and we discussed possible activities and engagement efforts. The Library plans to purchase a few laptops to enable staff to work remotely.

With board approval, the Library has used \$50,000 from the Odell legacy funds to enhance our e-book collection. Given the current circumstances, the Library would like to apply another \$50,000 from Odell funds to double our investment in e-book purchases. These additional funds would make give MPPL patrons priority access to titles, while also benefitting patrons countywide.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trustee Malina that:

It is hereby resolved that the Library be authorized to spend up to \$100,000 from the Odell legacy funds to be used for e-books and audio.

**202003-02 The motion passed.**

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Quinn and seconded by Trustee Edwards that:

It is hereby resolved that Director Fearon and Trustee Muccin, as Board president, be authorized to make decisions about corona-virus related closures and schedules without convening the Board.

**202003-03 The motion passed.**

Trustee Muccin moved for adjournment at 8:58 pm, seconded by Trustee Levine.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, 4/16/2020, at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Quinn