

Mount Pleasant Public Library: Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting of July 17, 2025

Attendance

Trustees & Liaisons present:

Kent Anker, Julie Edwards, Edward Eisenman, Meredith Hale, Alexandra Kisielewski, Anthony Lohay, Dick Malina, Rebecca Myers
Thomas Sialiano (Town Liaison)

Also present:

Eric McCarthy, Library Director; Martha Mesiti, Assistant Director

Trustees & Liaisons absent:

Frank Casale, Paul Alvarez

Call to order

Administrative: Trustee Dick Malina called the meeting to order at 7:03pm PM.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 16, 2025 Board meeting were approved. Moved by Trustee Meredith Hale, seconded by Trustee Julie Edwards, and passed.

Opportunity to Hear from the Public

None

Opportunity to Hear from Liaisons

Tom Sialiano - Discussions and research related to the Master Plan are moving in a positive direction.

Claims of Payment

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Dick Malina, and seconded by Trustee Julie Edwards, that:

It is hereby resolved that, after review, the Library Board approves the following payments for the month of June 2025:

- Invoices charged against Trust & Agency Funds: \$1,876.26
- Invoices charged against the General fund: \$67,698.15

- Invoices paid via the Library credit card: \$2,240.26

202507-01 The motion passed.

Directors Report

- Financial review has some remaining tasks related to when previous director retired
- The MPPL Summer Reading program is thriving (35% increase)
- MPPL plans to use the Yaw Gift Fund to place a plaque on an outdoor tree
- Elevator maintenance company has agreed to cancel dumbwaiter contract; MPPL will renew 5-year passenger elevator contract with same company

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Rebecca Myers, and seconded by Trustee Anthony Lohay, that:

It is hereby resolved that, after review, the contract terminating dumbwaiter service and renewing passenger elevator service requires further discussion regarding contract length terms. The Library Board requests to table the discussion until the following meeting.

202507-02 The motion passed

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Edward Eisenman, and seconded by Trustee Dick Malina :

It is hereby resolved that the Library Board accepts the 2024 Financial Statements as presented by O'Connor Davies.

202507-03 The motion passed.

[Library Board requested Director to investigate alternative options. Motion will be rediscussed at September 2025 meeting]

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee xx, and seconded by Trustee xx, that: It is hereby resolved that the Library Board accepts the proposal from Wastequip to replace 2 dumpsters for a total cost of \$2,054.

202507-04 The motion did not go to vote

Master Plan Updates

Representatives from the Library Board, Village, and Town have met to discuss next steps for the Master Plan. Topics of discussion included setting up a steering committee for the project and securing a 3-party agreement among those who will fund the project.

New Business

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Kent Anker, and passed by Board Acclamation:
It is hereby resolved by the Library Board

WHEREAS, Carole Sysak has been an outstanding and highly valued employee of the Mount Pleasant Public Library for thirty years and will be retiring on July 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Carole has overseen the smooth and efficient operation of the circulation desk at the Main Library for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Carole has been a welcoming face of the library at the Main and Branch libraries and a model of courteous, helpful and friendly customer service; and

WHEREAS, over the years Carole has come to know and to be known by many of our patrons, greeting them by name, which has created a welcoming atmosphere for all, enriching the entire Mount Pleasant community; THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Pleasant Public Library, on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

- Recognizes Carole for her unwavering commitment to exceptional library service and gentle supervision of circulation staff,
- Expresses its appreciation and gratitude for her contributions to the library and community, and
- Joins with the staff in congratulating her on her well-earned retirement.

202507-05 The motion passed.

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Julie Edwards, and seconded by Trustee Edward Eisenman:

It is hereby resolved that the Library Board authorizes the Director to explore potential actions in response to an expiring Certificate of Deposit held by the library. The Director will prioritize fiscal responsibility to the library in this exploration.

202507-06 The motion passed.

Trustee Rebecca Myers moved for adjournment at 8:31 pm, seconded by Trustee Anthony Lohay.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, August 14, at 7:00 P.M.

Following regular meeting: Thursday, September 18, at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Kisielewski
Secretary