

**Wallkill Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
April 7, 2025**

President Todd Craner called the meeting to order at 7:01.

**Present:** Larissa Burke, Todd Craner, Lynne Diener, Susan Burhans Haldeman, Christine Morelli, Dan Perkins, Camille Reid, Mary Lou Van Aken, Merrie Witkin

**Absent:** Stan Seagren

**Public:** Annual Duck Derby is May 10. Tickets 1 for \$5, 6 for \$25.

**2025-4-A** M. Van Aken moved and C. Morelli seconded that we accept March 2025 minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

**President's Report:**

Many thanks to the Friends of the Library, Dan and all the staff for the efforts for the upcoming Book Sale on Saturday, April 26th, doing a little extra to bring a positive outcome to both the Library and those in the community. Remember to vote daily for our library in the Chronograph Readers' Choice awards. Thanks to all the library's staff for helping us to have this opportunity. MANY, MANY THANKS to Dan as he begins Year Two!

**Library Director's Report:** (see separate report for details)

Book sale is the 26th of April; lots have been donated and sorted.

Michelle, the children's director, is doing the "1,000 books before Kindergarten" program.

During Ostrander's Family Game Night library staff attended and staffed a library information table.

We've had some wonderful donations from patrons to help with the Spanish language collections for children and adults and towards replacing our oldest picnic table.

**Finance Report:**

**2025-4-B** C. Reid moved and L. Diener seconded that we approve the March 2025 warrant report. Motion passed.

**2025-4-C** M. Van Aken moved and L. Burke seconded that we repay a staffer for employee expenditure on behalf of a library program now for an amount that will appear on next month's warrant report. Check number 8982. Motion passed.

**2025-4-D** L. Diener moved and C. Morelli seconded that we move \$20,000 from Tax Levy Money Market Checking to Key Payroll for April 2025 payroll. Motion passed.

**2025-4-E** M. Van Aken moved and L. Burke seconded that we move \$15,000 from Tax Levy Money Market Checking to Key Operating for April bills. Motion passed.

**2025-4-F** M. Van Aken moved and L. Diener seconded that we approve the library opting in to the combined entity resulting from the combination of the NYLAF and NYCLASS cooperative investment programs as per the following resolution:

**Preamble**

The Wallkill Public Library is currently a "Participant" in the New York Liquid Asset Fund ("NYLAF"), a cooperative investment program designed for municipal entities, including public libraries, and managed by the PMA Companies ("PMA").

PMA and Public Trust Advisors, LLC have recently combined to create an integrated financial services firm serving local governments and other public entities across 26 states, under the new name PTMA Financial solutions ("PTMA").

As a result of this merger, there is now an overlap in the service providers to both NYLAF and NYCLASS (the New York cooperative investment program managed by Public Trust Advisors), and accordingly the board of directors of both NYLAF and NYCLASS have agreed to merge their cooperative programs for the best interest of their respective Participants. As a public library, the Wallkill Public Library can be grandfathered in to the merged program as a Participant, should it so agree to opt in.

In this context, the Library hereby adopts the following resolution to opt in to the combined program as a grandfathered Participant:

#### Resolution

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers, and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS the Wallkill Public Library wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of August 1, 2023;

WHEREAS the Wallkill Public Library wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity needs of their funds;

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:

That the Wallkill Public Library, acting through its Finance Officer, Merrie Witkin, is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of August 1, 2023.

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**2025-4-G** C. Reid moved and L. Burke seconded that we move up to \$100,000 from the tax levy account into the Library's NYLAF participant account MAX portfolio. Motion passed.

**2025-4-H** M. Witkin moved and M. Van Aken seconded that we create a separate subaccount up to \$200,000 of building funds in the Library's NYLAF participant account MAX portfolio. Motion passed.

**2025-4-I** L. Diener moved and C. Morelli seconded that we approve the engagement letter for the 2024 year-end Financial Review by Nugent & Haeussler, for a fee not to exceed \$6,000. Motion passed.

**2025-4-J** M. Witkin moved and C. Reid seconded that we approve the Friends of the Library to sell up to ten spaces for community members to have Yard Sale Spaces for April 26th, with their submission of a Library Building & Grounds use request, without any additional approval, other than Dan's. Motion passed.

**2025-4-K** M. Witkin moved and C. Reid seconded that on April 19 we allow both the Lions Club and Vision of Wallkill to use the library lawn for an Easter egg hunt to sell Duck Derby tickets. Motion passed.

Summary of Motions:

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Trustee training available:

Monday June 16 6:00-8:00 Town of Esopus Library, Legal basis for library trustees.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:21.**

**Next meeting May 5, 2025, at 6:45 P.M. Next Friends meetings April 9 at 5:00 and May 14 at 5:00.**

Susie Burhans Haldeman, recording secretary