Wallkill Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 5, 2026

President Todd Craner called the meeting to order at 6:43.

Present: Larissa Burke, Dustyn Cormier, Todd Craner, Lynne Diener, Susan Burhans Haldeman, Christine Morelli, Lisa Palmer, Daniel Perkins, Mary Lou VanAken, Merrie Witkin

2026-10-A C. Morelli moved and L. Burke seconded that we accept September minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

President's Report:
We thank our community for the support they showed for our Board and Library during our Sept. 22nd budget vote and election. The support from those who participated was significant. Continued thanks to Dan, and to all the library stuff for all that you do, day in, and day out!

Director's Report (see attached report for details):
We had a problem with yellow jackets in the Reading Room which has been taken care of.
The generator didn't work during the storm. It may be due to what turned out to be a dead battery. We have to replace the battery after which we can diagnose the issue, which may just be the dead battery. We discussed having an annual maintenance contract with the main

2026-10-B M. Witkin moved and L. Diener seconded that we authorize the Director to enter into a generator maintenance agreement for regular maintenance and monitoring the library's back-up generator. Motion passed.

We presented library card sign-up and program promotion information at the three elementary schools' open houses. Still waiting on the Middle and High School to give us times for those schools.
We have two trees that need to be taken down near the edge of the property. Dan has two bids so far, waiting on a third.
Dan is also getting bids on snow removal.
Battery recycle boxes have gotten very expensive so we are going to limit how often we offer that service to quarterly.

Finance Report:
2026-10-C M. VanAken moved and L. Burke seconded that we approve the September warrant report. Motion passed.

2026-10-D L. Palmer moved and M. VanAken seconded that we move $20,000 from NYCLASS Tax Levy funds to Key Payroll account for October payroll. Motion passed.

2026-10-E L. Diener moved and M. Witkin seconded that we move $10,000 from Tax Levy Funds to Key Operating account for October bills. Motion passed.

2026-10-F L. Palmer moved and M. Witkin seconded that we approve the IRS Annual Report, Form 990, as shared by Ken Sept. 28th. Motion passed.

2026-10-F M. VanAken moved and L. Diener seconded that we authorize the financial committee to invest up to $300,000 from Key Bank and Orange Bank and Trust accounts in eligible investments as deemed appropriate. Motion passed.

2026-10-G M. VanAken moved and M. Witkin seconded that we approve the 2027 RCLS budget. Motion passed 7-1with 1 abstention.

2026-10-H C. Morelli moved and L. Diener seconded that we approve the revisions to the Patron Code of Conduct Policy and the new proposed sign to post as amended, as presented by Dan. Motion passed.

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The budget passed on September 22. Dustyn Cormier was elected to a five-year term.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:21.
Susie Burhans Haldeman, recording secretary. Next meeting: November 2, 2026 at **6:45.**