

**Wallkill Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, November 5, 2025**

President Todd Craner called the meeting to order at 5:34.

Present: Larissa Burke, Todd Craner, Susan Burhans Haldeman, Christine Morelli, Lisa Palmer, Dan Perkins, Mary Lou Van Aken, Merrie Witkin

Absent: Lynne Diener, Stan Seagren

2025-11-A M. Witkin moved and C. Morelli seconded that we accept October 2025 minutes. Motion passed.

President's Report: Our board will make a slate of possible officers for 2026. I would like to say thank you to each of you. Your continued efforts and community service help to keep our library an important part of the community. A similar big thank you to Daniel and all the library staff for all that they do every day with respect to this same mission! THANK YOU!

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

There are a lot of great programs happening in our library, including pinochle, cribbage and mahjong for adults, Monthly Munch, Return of the Fig-Guy, book clubs for different ages and various one time classes. Gunky the Snake is continuing to grow. We came in second in the Ulster County Food Fight, which was much appreciated by the local food panty. The staff is also doing a Staff Picks section for adults and children, which will be switching out quarterly.

Finance Report:

2025-11-B L. Burke moved and L. Palmer seconded that we approve the October 2025 warrant report. Motion passed.

2025-11-C M. Van Aken moved and C. Morelli seconded that we move \$20,000 from NYCLASS to Key Payroll for November payroll. Motion passed.

No transfer for operating costs this month.

2025-11-D M. VanAken moved and C. Morelli seconded that we approve the 2026 Ramapo Catskills Library System Budget as shared by Dan on Oct. 6. Motion passed with one dissent (6-1).

The library received a generous anonymous gift. We are very grateful for the donation.

2025-11-E S. Burhans Haldeman moved and M. Van Aken seconded that we approve the Vision of Wallkill's Building and Grounds request to use the Library grounds as part of the Dec. 6th Holidays in the Hamlet event and the Town's Tree Lighting. Motion passed.

2025-11-F S. Burhans Haldeman moved and L. Burke seconded that we approve the use of the grounds by high school students filming a sit-com, (inside only during open hours, outside when needed) as long as it doesn't interfere with patron use. Motion passed.

2025-11-G M. Van Aken moved and C. Morelli seconded that we approve the payment of \$1,350 for tree removal to K&S Tree Service LLC. Motion passed.

Slate of officers for 2026 will be voted on in December.

President: Todd Craner

Vice President: Mary Lou Van Aken

Recording Secretary: Susie Burhans Haldeman

Corresponding Secretary: Lisa Palmer

Financial Officer: Merrie Witkin

Summary of Motions:

2025-11-A M. Witkin moved and C. Morelli seconded that we accept October 2025 minutes. Motion passed.

2025-11-B L. Burke moved and L. Palmer seconded that we approve the October 2025 warrant report. Motion passed.

2025-11-C M. Van Aken moved and C. Morelli seconded that we move \$20,000 from NYCLASS to Key Payroll for November payroll. Motion passed.

2025-11-D M. VanAken moved and C. Morelli seconded that we approve the 2026 Ramapo Catskills Library System Budget as shared by Dan on Oct. 6. Motion passed with one dissent (6-1).

2025-11-E S. Burhans Haldeman moved and M. Van Aken seconded that we approve the Vision of Wallkill's Building and Grounds request to use the Library grounds as part of the Dec. 6th Holidays in the Hamlet event and the Town's Tree Lighting. Motion passed.

2025-11-F S. Burhans Haldeman moved and L. Burke seconded that we approve the use of the grounds by high school students filming a sit-com, (inside only during open hours, outside when needed) as long as it doesn't interfere with patron use. Motion passed.

2025-11-G M. Van Aken moved and C. Morelli seconded that we approve the payment of \$1,350 for tree removal to K&S Tree Service LLC. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55.

Next meeting Monday December 1, at 6:45 P.M.

Susie Burhans Haldeman, recording secretary