Ellenville Public Library & Museum

September 21, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Trustees Donald Odom Jr, Moranda Bromberg, Cheryl Lasonde, Yolanda Osuba, attorney Dawn Conklin, Colleen Creighton (absent with just cause), Library Director Joyce Sharpton

I. Call to order 6:13 pm (DO)
   a. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Minutes
   a. **MOTION:** Accept the minutes for August with no modifications (YO/CS/ unanimous)
      i. The minutes are in the Shared Google Drive
   b. **MOTION:** Approve August 5 Special Board Meeting minutes with no modifications (YO/CS/unanimous)
      ii. The minutes are in the Shared Google Drive

III. Financial Reports
   A. Treasurer's report
      a. **MOTION**: accept financial reports as presented (YO/MB/unanimous)
   B. Bills to be paid
      a. We are waiting on a reimbursement check from the company that was supposed to provide the dinosaur animatronic, Characters for Hire. They are giving library staff the runaround but they said they are supposedly processing the reimbursement now.
   C. Budget analysis
      a. None.

IV. Petitioners
   a. None

V. Correspondence
   a. Thank you note from woman who collected donation of lightly used books for Rochester Food Pantry from library.
   b. Bluestone Press article about the price of free library cards for Rochester included with our meeting minutes. Joyce provided the information over to the reporter when it was requested.
   c. Don Odom brought in a 150 year old bible which was given to him during Covid (when we were out of meetings). The bible belonged to Jeremiah and Sarah Kniffin and was gifted to Don by the Mamakating Historical Society in Summitville, NY.

VI. Committee Reports
   A. Building & Grounds
      a. Eight additional security cameras have been installed throughout the library. Staff is pleased with the coverage of the new cameras and the added security.

b. We will be seeking new lawn care services for snow removal and mowing.

B. Personnel Committee

a. Don Odom and Lizzie Straub have proposed a salary plan for Joyce Sharpton as Library Director for the next four years.

MOTION: Approve proposed salary plan for Joyce Sharpton with effective date of February 17, 2026 for Y1 salary increase. (YO/MB/unanimous)

C. Planning Committee

a. In abeyance.

VIII. Old Business

a. DASNY construction grant work is all completed.

IX. New Business

1. Civil Service has sent out a canvas for the open FT clerk position. The response window will close soon and Civil Service will send a list of interested candidates to contact for interviews.
2. It has been a few years since the Disaster Preparedness Plan was created so Joyce will bring up the plan for review at the next meeting.
3. RCLS sent a copy of their 2027 budget for board review and approval.

MOTION: Approve 2027 RCLS budget. (MB/YO/unanimous)

4. Reports

A. Director/Children's Librarian Report- see attached.

B. Adult/Teen Programmer- see attached.

C. Museum Manager- see attached. Nothing of note.

MOTION: to adjourn at 6:51 (CS/YO/unanimous)

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026