Ellenville Public Library & Museum

October 19, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Trustees Donald Odom Jr, Moranda Bromberg, Cheryl Lasonde, Yolanda Osuba, attorney Dawn Conklin, Colleen Creighton, Library Director Joyce Sharpton

I. Call to order 6:07 pm (DO)
   a. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Minutes
   a. **MOTION:** Accept the minutes for September with no modifications. (CC/YO/ unanimous)
      i. 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. None.
   C. Budget analysis
      a. Budget committee will meet separately to discuss.

IV. Petitioners
   a. None.

V. Correspondence
   a. Thank you from Town of Rochester Food Pantry for food collected for the Ulster County Food fight food drive.
   b. Thank you from the Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary for the use of our Conference Room on their tag day event.
   c. Request from the Ladies's Auxiliary on the Napanoch Fire Company which we fulfilled with a gift basket of books.

VI. Committee Reports
   A. Building & Grounds
      a. We requested snow removal bids from a handful of companies and have received two bids. Bids were presented to board. Robin noted that last year we spent $22,800 on snow plowing/shoveling.
      b. Look into planting perennials and pollinator garden in the Spring — maybe something the kids can join in on.
   B. Personnel Committee
      a. Robin brought it to our attention that Kurt, the handyman, is currently under a salary of $20/an hour. He currently makes $19.30. His last pay raise was in January 2025. Joyce will come up with proposal and Colleen and Don will discuss.
   C. Planning Committee
      a. In abeyance.

VIII. Old Business

a. DASNY construction grant work is all completed. Still waiting on state awards.

IX. New Business

1. Civil Service has sent Joyce a list of the top 3 eligible candidates for the open clerk position. I have reached out to see if they are interested in interviewing. There are also several more candidates on the list to reach out to after this first round of interviews. Joyce will keep the Board updated.
2. Early voting is coming so community room programs will be decreased slightly for this upcoming month.
3. Board reviewed list of 2027 Holiday Closings
   MOTION: Approve 2027 Holiday Closings (MB/YO/unanimous)
4. New Trustee Oath of Office for Colleen Creighton
5. Reviewed bids for Snow Plowing
   MOTION: Approve proposal for Mike's Outdoor MaintenanceLLC to do snow removal contract using option B in his proposal. (CC/MB/unanimous)
6. Reports
   A. Director/Children's Librarian Report- see attached.
   B. Adult/Teen Programmer- see attached.
   C. Museum Manager- see attached. Genealogy course is ongoing. Museum will be decorated for Halloween Haunted House event.
   MOTION: to adjourn at 6:55 (CL/YO/unanimous)

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026