

Mountainside Public Library  
Board of Trustees- March 2, 2026 Rescheduled from February 23, 2026  
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Alison Murphy (AM) President	Ashley Osieja (AO) Treasurer
Linda Paparatto (LP)	Zach Jabri (ZJ)
Saverio Zipeto (SZ)	Natalie Crisafulli (NC)
Donald Rinaldo, Jr. (DR)	
Library Director- Tammy Shaw (TS)	

Absent: Jovan Siconolfi and Paul Nittoly

Governance:

The meeting was held in-person, with virtual option viz Zoom for Trustees only.  
The meeting was brought to order by AM at 7:03pm

Open Meeting Act was Read (AM)

Effective 3/1 Notices have been moved to TAP into online every 2 weeks until December

Director's Report

Total physical circ and visits continue at an increase. Program attendance had a large increase which included mini golf. Locker use remains steady. Juvenile shows a 47% increase over January 2025. Digital is down by 3%, something to watch. Positive Pay is active and working and Health insurance moved to Difference card effective 3/1

Building and Grounds

Early February – Pre-bid meeting for the roof and windows was held. The bid opening scheduled for end of Feb, 2/9 – Patron bathroom sink pulled out. Has been reattached. Incident report was created.

Finances

Due to the decrease in the appropriation from the Borough, adjustments need to be made to the proposed budget which is still a 6.01% over 2025.

Health Insurance election of new FTER resulted in less revenue for insurance contributions and expense

Cost assessment of the removal of defunct heating unit was reduced

Shared Services to the Borough costs lower than anticipated

Personnel costs recalculated based on start dates rather than full year

Motion to approve the revised budget from \$983,602 to \$933,205 – (AO/ZJ)

Friends of the Library

Funds at \$58,000, \$20,00 of which budgeted. Reviewing transferring the \$38,000 to Library's Restricted fund

Treasurer's report

January expenses exceeded January revenue but with budget in place will see overall year to date

Material purchasing when compared to last year is off due to Baker and Taylor closing and adjusting

Utility bills are up overall and will need to be watched against budgeted amounts

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report (ZJ/NC)

Motion to approve the February Bill List (AO/LP)

Motion to approve the Director's Report (SZ/ZJ)

Motion to move the March meeting from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> (ZJ/SZ)

Motion to adjourn 7:35 (SZ/NC)

Next Meeting is March 23, 2026