

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, NY held January 8, 2024

Present: Mayor Rossi, Trustee Price-Bush, Trustee Baskin, Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, Trustee Raymond, Village Clerk O'Connor, Village Administrator Moskowitz, Attorney Buettner

1) Call to Order

2) Pledge to the Flag

3) Minutes

a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond that the minutes of the 12.11.23 meeting be approved.

Ayes All

b) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush that the minutes of the 1.2.24 Organizational Meeting be approved.

Ayes All

4) Presentations -None

5) Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes per Speaker)

Mike Iacolucci of 9 Russell Street is in favor of motions 7a and 7b.

Liz Kormos, 89 Hyde Blvd. announced that the TAP grant was submitted.

Ray Otten of 16 Middlebrook Avenue also supports motion 7a and having an ADA Coordinator.

6) Consent Agenda Items for Consideration

a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush to approve the items on the following Consent Agenda:

i) Motion to accept the resignation of Victoria VanValkenburgh from the rolls of Union Fire Co. #2 and the Ballston Spa Fire Dept.

ii) Motion to approve the re-appointment of David LaFountain as Building Inspector for a period of one year, with the end date not to be before December 31, 2024.

iii) Motion that Carol Theriault be appointed a member of the Fire Police for a period of one year, with the end date not to be before December 31, 2024.

v) Motion that Cody Fabian be appointed a Part Time Police Officer for a period of one year, with the end date not to be before December 31, 2024.

Ayes All

Attorney Buettner spoke about the ice skating/warming hut agreement and offered a suggestion for a proper motion.

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez seconded by Trustee Raymond to approve an ice rink for the 2024 winter season at the Eastern Avenue recreation field to be operated to be operated January 4 or the date of execution of the contracts and provision of insurance, whichever is later, until March 4, 2024, weather permitting. The hours will be Friday's 4:00pm to 7:00pm, Saturday's 10:00am to 7:00pm and Sunday's noon to 6:00pm. This motion also authorizes the Village to submit a Certificate of Insurance to the Ballston Spa Central School District and allow the use of the DPW staff to create and maintain the rink throughout the season, and it further authorizes the Mayor to execute an agreement related to this motion.

Trustee Baskin asked if these are the hours volunteers want.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez said these were the hours submitted by the volunteer coordinator.

Ayes All

7) Motions/Resolutions for Consideration/Vote

a) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Raymond to approve the Village of Ballston Spa ADA Public Streets and Sidewalks Plan and name xxxx the Village's official ADA Coordinator.

Attorney Buettner expressed concern about the clarity of responsibilities and would like to take time to review the document.

The Board discussed funding, liability, and prior written notice.

Motion made by Trustee Baskin seconded by Trustee Raymond to table this for the next meeting.

Ayes All

b) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin to approve the agreement between the Village of Ballston Spa and Fisher Associates, for Zoning Code revisions and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement upon Attorney review and approval.

Ayes All

8) Mayor's Announcements

a) The DPW did a good job with the snow yesterday; we may look into brining.

b) State of the Village will be on Friday.

9) Treasurer's Report (attached)

10) Liaison Reports

Trustee Raymond reported that the salter needs to be repaired.

Current work in progress includes water meter, catch basin and sign replacements.

Trustee Price-Bush noted that the Library was featured in the Gazette in the High Notes section which spotlights good being done.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez announced that Chocolate Fest is scheduled for February 2 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Goody bags to go will be available this year.

Trustee Baskin noted that the Arts Committee is looking to do a tie-dye project and will partner with the Library on a project celebrating National Poetry Month.

As for the Park and Tree Board, Trustee Baskin said they are continuing to talk about park signage.

11) Old Business

a) TAP-CMAQ Grant Update

Update given by Liz Kormos during public comment.

b) Parks Law

Trustee Baskin noted that the Park and Tree Board recommends putting in the law "no planting of trees or other vegetation without a permit or permission."

12) New Business-None

13) Public Comment on Any Issue (3 Minutes)

Marilyn Stephenson, 45 West High Street announced that there will be a talk about American Architectural Style on Thursday at 7:00pm.

Ms. Stephenson noted that the Zoning Advisory committee meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the Cornell Cooperative Extension Auditorium. The public is welcome to attend.

Ellie Dillon of 116 Malta Avenue read a statement. (attached)

Mike Iacolucci, 9 Russell Street read a statement. (attached)

Ray Otten, 16 Middlebrook Avenue suggested having Board members available to speak to on a one on one basis at certain times.

Additionally, Mr. Otten feels the Mayors position should be full time with higher compensation.

Kris DuBuque of 6 Kaleen Drive appreciates the Mayor's social media presence and all of the events put on by the BSBPA.

14) Other Business (Including, but Not Limited to Board Response to Public Comment)

15) Executive Session (If Needed)-None

16) Adjournment/Voucher Audit:

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush, that the Vouchers be audited, and the meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

	General Fund	\$ 200,503.07
	Sewer Relevy	6,631.98
	Library Fund	8,482.27
	Trust & Agency	<u>3,334.16</u>
Total		

Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri L. O'Connor
Village Clerk