

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, NY held January 22, 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 Price-Bush that the minutes of the 01/08/24 meeting be approved.

Ayes All

4) Presentations (None)

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

There was no public comment.

6) Consent Agenda Items for Consideration (None)

7) Motions/Resolutions for Consideration/Vote

a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond to accept the resignation of Tricia Hasbrouck as Deputy Clerk, effective January 26, 2024.

Ayes All

b) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush to accept the resignation of Tricia Hasbrouck as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, effective January 26, 2024.

Ayes All

c) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush to approve the promotion of Rebecca Little to full-time employment, including the roles of Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics at a salary of \$52,500.00 per year, effective immediately (Note: This salary is not intended to be increased in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget scheduled to be effective on June 1, 2024).

Ayes All

d) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond appointing Rebecca Little as Deputy Clerk, effective immediately.

Ayes All

e) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin appointing Rebecca Little as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, effective immediately.

Ayes All

f) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin authorizing the Committee on the Arts (COA) to reallocate \$1,400 within the existing arts budget from the Arts Walk and Plein Air program to a t-shirt tie dye project, and a "Random Acts of Poetry" event.

Ayes All

g) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush scheduling a public hearing related to Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2024 (to add Chapter 150, Parks, to the Code of the Village of Ballston Spa) on February 12, 2024, at 7:01pm at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Ballston Spa Board of Trustees.

Ayes All

h) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush to adopt the Village of Ballston Spa ADA Public Streets and Sidewalks Plan with changes to eliminate a reference to “City Council” changing it to “Village Board of Trustees” and changing the math done related to the Villages goal per year for sidewalk work.

Trustee Baskin-yes

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes

Trustee Price-Bush-yes

Trustee Raymond-yes

Mayor Rossi-yes

Motion Passed

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Ayes All

i) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin to declare the Board of Trustees Lead Agency under SEQR for proposed Local Law #1 of 2024.

Ayes All

j) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush approving entering into an agreement with Roemer, Wallens, Gold and & Mineaux to provide Labor Attorney and other legal services to the Village of Ballston Spa and authorizing the Mayor to execute such agreement.

Ayes All

k) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez accepting the resignation of Katie Teidemann from the Committee on the Arts.

The Board thanked Katie for her work.

Ayes All

l) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin accepting the resignation of Kate VanBuren from the Committee on the Arts.

The Board expressed their appreciation for Kate’s service.

Ayes All

m) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin appointing Chris Hannon to the Committee on the Arts to fill the position vacated by Katie Teidemann. This provides him with a full 3 year term not to end earlier than 12/31 /26.

Ayes All

n)) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin appointing Pat Burnham to the Committee on the Arts to fill the position vacated by Kate VanBuren for a term that is not to end earlier than 12/31/24.

Ayes All

o) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush disallowing an individual member of the Board of Trustees, except for the Mayor or a member or members authorized by the Mayor from directing a consultant or employee of the Village without Board authorization.

Trustee Baskin-no

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes

Trustee Price-Bush-yes

Trustee Raymond-yes-no

Mayor Rossi-yes

Motion Passed

p) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush selecting LaBella Associates to be the selected firm for the Brownfield Opportunity Area nomination study.

Mike Iacolucci, 9 Russell Street asked what the motion is about.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez explained that Village was awarded a Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) grant to look at our downtown and other properties that may have contamination. The BOA is for the purpose of making under-utilized properties productive.

Marilyn Stephenson of 45 West High Street asked about the selection process.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez explained and noted that a rubric was followed.

Liz Kormos, 89 Hyde Blvd., said public input is very important.

Ayes All

8) Mayor's Announcements

a) The AFR document (formerly AUD) is done, barring a few needed corrections.

b) The completion date for the new DPW dump trucks has been pushed to December.

9) Treasurer's Report (attached)

10) Liaison Reports

Trustee Baskin said there will be a tree planting in April for Arbor Day and stated that the Park and Tree Boards next meeting is at 7:00pm on 2/20/24 at Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Trustee Baskin thanked Kate and Katie for their work on the Art Committee.

The Arts Committee is brainstorming ideas as there will be no Bird House Project this year, according to Trustee Baskin.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez noted that the Chocolate Fest, scheduled for 2/2 will have to-go bags this year.

Trustee Price-Bush stated that the Events Task Force is scheduling their events for the year.

Trustee Raymond gave an update on DPW projects that have been done since the last Board meeting, including repairs to the dump and plow truck, cleaning, and maintenance of the Well 4A water building and plumbing repairs at the Library.

Mayor Rossi spoke about possible replacement of the DPW garage and commended the DPW for their good work during the snowstorm.

11) Old Business

a) Sidewalk Code / Special Meeting

Trustee Raymond would like to schedule a meeting for the Sidewalk Code.

Mayor Rossi suggested waiting for the Parks Law to be finished.

Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez to set a Special Meeting for the discussion of sidewalks, located at 66 Front Street for 5:00pm on 2/22/24.

There was no public comment.

Ayes All

12) New Business

a) Virtual Meeting Capability for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals

Trustee Baskin wants the Zoning and Planning Board meetings to be accessible remotely.

Mayor Rossi noted that the 1st floor of 30 Bath Street may be multi-tasked as a meeting room, and the technology can be permanent, so that it does not have to be set up and taken down for each meeting.

Trustees Baskin and Raymond stated that they do not want to wait.

13) Public Comment on Any Issue (3 Minutes)

Ms. Stephenson suggested that the Zoning and Planning Boards come into the 21st century and ask their younger members to help use Zoom.

Ms. Kormos agreed.

Ray Otten of 16 Middlebrook Avenue stated that help is welcome at the VFW chicken BBQ on 2/29.

Lori Acee, 25 Eastern Avenue noted that this Thursday night the Library is having a benefit concert featuring Dan Berggren at the Brookside Museum.

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

Trustee Baskin inquired about Dept. reports.

Mayor Rossi answered that the Fire Dept. will report later this month.

At Trustee Baskins' request, Attorney Buettner clarified the law regarding a Board member participating in a meeting via Zoom.

15) Executive Session (If Needed)

There was no Executive Session.

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 8:46pm.

General Fund	\$ 347,672.60
Sewer Relevy	9,754.93
Library Fund	9,109.67
Trust & Agency	<u>2,545.36</u>
Total	\$ 369,082.56

Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri L. O'Connor
Village Clerk