

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, NY held February 12, 2024

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

1) Call to Order

2) Pledge to the Flag

3) Public Hearing

a) Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2024 (Adding Chapter 150, "Parks") – 7:01pm

Marilyn Stephenson of 45 West High Street read a statement. (attached)

Liz Biddle, 113 Fairground Avenue read comments and asked questions on behalf of the BSBPA.

Liz Kormos of 89 Hyde Blvd. noted there is confusion on if only beer and wine will be allowed.

Ms. Kormos feels that the Village Clerk should not be authorized to approve applications.

Ray Otten, 16 Middlebrook Avenue stated that park signage needs to be updated.

Nathan Ward of 1 Hyde Blvd. asked if bikes can be ridden to the bike rack.

Motion made by Trustee Price-Bush, seconded by Trustee Raymond to close the Public Hearing at 7:18pm.

Ayes All

4) Minutes

a) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush that the minutes of the 01/22/24 meeting be approved.

Ayes All

5) Presentations

a) Ballston Area Community Center (Colleen Russo)

Ms. Russo gave an update on what was done in 2023 and what will be new this year, including expanding teen and preteen operations.

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

Donna Martin, 20 Chesterwood Court asked what the June election is.

Clerk O'Connor answered it is the primary.

Mr. Ward commented on the loudness of the Monster Truck Show noting he hopes the time can be capped.

Ms. Biddle agreed with Mr. Ward.

7) Consent Agenda Items for Consideration

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

i) Motion approving the Saratoga County Agricultural Society to hold the Saratoga County Fair with the usual events from July 23 to July 28, 2024, from 10am to 11pm. Proof of Insurance has been provided.

ii) Motion approving the Saratoga County Agricultural Society to hold a Monster Truck show at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds on June 7 and 8, 2024, from 4pm to 9pm. Proof of Insurance has been provided.

iii) Motion to appoint James Jones as a member of Union Fire Co. #2 and the Ballston Spa Fire Department.

iv) Motion to appoint Edward Palso, III as a member of Union Fire Co. #2 and the Ballston Spa Fire Department.

v) Motion approving the use of Eagle-Matt Lee and Union Firehouses for the Primary Election to be held on 6/25/24 from 6:00am to 9:00pm

Ayes All

8) Motions/Resolutions for Consideration/Vote

a) Motions/Resolutions related to Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2024 (Adding Chapter 150, "Parks," to the Village of Ballston Spa Code.

i) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush to declare a negative SEQR declaration.

Trustee Baskin-yes

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes

Trustee Price-Bush-yes

Trustee Raymond-yes

Mayor Rossi-yes

Motion Passed

ii) Motion made by Mayor Rossi, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush to adopt Local Law #1 of 2024.

Mayor Rossi stated that the portion of the law pertaining to alcohol is based on requests from BSBPA members.

Regarding park signage, the Mayor noted it is in the proposed law.

In response to Mr. Ward's question, Mayor Rossi said bikes can be ridden to bike racks.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez addressed the BSBPA's concerns, including noting that event applications will be adjusted to include signage.

Attorney Buettner clarified the process of allowing alcohol, stating that it is the State Liquor Authority (SLA) that would grant a license, not the Clerk.

Trustee Baskin feels more clarification is needed, as well as a higher level than the Clerk for review.

Discussion, including authorization, permitting process and Police and DPW input continued.

Motion made by Mayor Rossi, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush to table the motion.

Ayes All

b) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush that the Village awards the bid related to the DPW Garage Repairs to Finelli Construction, Inc. (\$117,400.00).

Ayes All

9) Mayor's Announcements

a) The low bid for the John Street tower was \$1,012,000.00. Mayor Rossi expressed his dismay that this was not taken care of years ago at a much lower cost to the taxpayers.

b) We are still waiting for comments and retractions from the DOT regarding the Union Firehouse apron.

c) Regarding the Kesselring Site and their use of the rail spur near Eastern Avenue for commissioning and decommissioning, the Mayor stated that there will be more information given to residents before the next event.

10) Treasurer's Report (attached)

11) Liaison Reports

Trustee Baskin noted that the Arts Committee is working on banners and trash can signs and is partnering with the BSBPA to exhibit student artwork in businesses.

Additionally, the Arts Committee is working on "Random Acts of Poetry" for poetry month. Events will include a poetry class, an open mic reading, and a poetry slam, Trustees Baskin and VanDeinse-Perez reported.

Trustee Baskin said the Park and Tree Board is discussing Arbor Day Plans.

Trustee Price-Bush stated that the Dan Berggren concert was fantastic.

The DPW has been busy with several tasks, including repairing plows and equipment, removing trees and a replacing a furnace at the Lowell Street Pump Station, according to Trustee Raymond.

Trustee Raymond reminded everyone that Kelley Park is closed for the winter.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez noted that the BSBPA's Chocolate Fest was amazing, and they are working on the concert schedule and the Farmer's Market.

12) Old Business

a) Woods Hollow Status (Legal)

Attorney Buettner stated that the process is moving forward.

b) Parks Law Development Process

Trustee Baskin spoke about rule consistency.

13) New Business-None

14) Public Comment on Any Issue (3 Minutes)

Ms. Kormos stated her concern about who will provide water to the Mill Town project.

Mr. Otten stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 23rd at the Milton Community Center.

Mr. Otten suggested hiring a part time person to maintain the parks.

Mayor Rossi explained that the current DPW contract does not allow for part time positions.

Mr. Otten spoke about honoring the people that have served the Village, as we have in the past.

Keith Lewis, 38 East High Street commented on Woods Hollow, specifically the lumber.

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

Mayor Rossi addressed the Mill Town water supply and noted that matters need to be resolved.

16) Executive Session (If Needed)- Not Needed

17) Adjournment/Voucher Audit:

Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Mayor Rossi that the Vouchers be audited, and the meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.

General Fund

\$ 198,328.99

Sewer Relevy	2,040.02
Library Fund	2,999.52
Trust & Agency	<u>891.78</u>
Total	\$ 204,260.31

Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri L. O'Connor
Village Clerk