

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, NY held February 26, 2024

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

1) Call to Order

2) Pledge to the Flag

3) Minutes

a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin that the minutes of the 02.12.24 meeting be approved.

Ayes All

b) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush that the minutes of the 02.19.24 meeting be approved.

Trustee Baskin-abstained

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes

Trustee Price-Bush-yes

Trustee Raymond-abstained

Mayor Rossi-yes

Motion Passed

4) Presentations - None

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

Liz Kormos of 89 Hyde Blvd. suggested dollar amounts be on all motions and also feels the Town of Milton should increase their monetary contributions to the Village.

Marilyn Stephenson, 45 West High Street asked for the proposed law drafts and the Wiswall Park Master Plan be put on the website.

Ray Otten of 16 Middlebrook Avenue feels it is not fair to reward people who chose not to install sidewalks by reimbursing them 100% to install them, while only offering a 50% reimbursement for repairs.

6) Consent Agenda Items for Consideration

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

i) Motion to appoint Eric Muller as a part time Police Officer.

ii) Motion that Eagle-Matt Lee Fire Co. #1 be authorized to expend the amount of \$24,845.40 for 5 new sets of turn-out gear.

iii) Motion that Eagle-Matt Lee Fire Co. #1 be authorized to expend the amount of \$3,662.50 for a ladder and a rescue winch.

iv) Motion to allow the Park and Tree Board to plant a tree in Kelley Park for Arbor Day on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 10:00am.

Ayes All

7) Motions/Resolutions for Consideration/Vote

a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush to set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2024 (to add Section 150, "Parks," to the Village Code) for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 11, 2024, at 7:01pm.

Ayes All

b) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond to set a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2024 (to amend Section 174-2 and Section 174-20(B) in Chapter 174 Streets and Sidewalks) for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 11, 2024, at 7:05pm.

Ayes All

c) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez seconded by Trustee Price-Bush approving the attached proposal by LaBella Associates related to the retaining wall and vault work at 66 Front St. (Village Offices) and authorizing the Mayor to execute same.

**Trustee Baskin-yes Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes Trustee Price-Bush-yes
Trustee Raymond-yes Mayor Rossi-yes**

Motion Passed

d) Resolution related to awarding the John St. Tower bid to USG Water.

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Price-Bush to approve the resolution regarding USG Water.

**Trustee Baskin-yes Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes Trustee Price-Bush-yes
Trustee Raymond-yes Mayor Rossi-yes**

Motion Passed

e) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Raymond approving the resolution related to naming the Village as Lead Agency for SEQRA review for the Woods Hollow project.

**Trustee Baskin-yes Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes Trustee Price-Bush-yes
Trustee Raymond-yes Mayor Rossi-yes**

Motion Passed

f) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush approving engagement of Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart & Rhodes, P.C., as bond counsel related to the purchase of 78 Thompson St., Ballston Spa, New York, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the attached retention agreement.

Ayes All

g) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond to approve the resolution related to the purchase of 78 Thompson St.

**Trustee Baskin-yes Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes Trustee Price-Bush-yes
Trustee Raymond-yes Mayor Rossi-yes**

Motion Passed

h) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond approving the attached agreement between the Village of Ballston Spa and the Town of Milton related to the Village Library, and authorizing the Mayor to execute same.

Ayes All

i) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush approving the attached agreement with correction (adding "included but not limited to") between the Village of Ballston Spa and the Town of Milton related to the Village events, and authorizing the Mayor to execute same.

Ayes All

j) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush approving the attached agreement between the Village of Ballston Spa and the Town of Milton related to the Village swimming pool, and authorizing the Mayor to execute same.

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush that the motion be amended to change the year from 2023 to 2024.

Ayes All

8) Mayor's Announcements

a) Thank you to Trustee VanDeinse-Perez for doing a great job serving as Deputy Mayor.

9) Treasurer's Report (attached)

10) Liaison Reports

Trustee Raymond noted that the DPW completed many tasks including the Colonial Hills Greenfield Avenue entrance and will begin working on the summer paving list.

Trustee Price-Bush reported that the Library is offering free tax prep for all ages every Friday.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez said that the BSBPA is working on movie and concert schedules.

Trustee Baskin noted that Ashley Bush and Emily Bartell have been elected as Co-Chairs to the Committee on the Arts. The Committee is working on street banners, garbage can signs and the "Random Acts of Poetry" project among other things.

The Park and Tree Board is planning a tree planting in celebration of Arbor Day on 4/27/24 in Kelley Park, Trustee Baskin noted. A street tree identification walk is being planned also.

Events Committee Chair Ray Otten stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will be on 3/23 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Milton Community Center.

Mr. Otten noted a spring event is being planned.

11) Old Business-None

12) New Business

a) Wiswall Park Draft Master Plan

Mayor Rossi stated that a colorized revised plan was submitted to the Board.

Trustee Baskin shared some highlights of the draft, including a smaller spring area on the corner, a smaller kids play area, fewer trees and bushes around the perimeter, a larger pavilion with picnic tables and a modified path layout.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez suggested a more visual drawing would be helpful to people who are not used to seeing these types of drafts.

Committee Chair Caitlin Parwana noted that feedback was implemented in this drawing, and they are open to more.

Trustee Raymond thinks that this drawing should be put on the website for feedback and Studio A should do a presentation.

b) Rules of Procedure

Trustee Baskin read a statement (attached)

Mayor Rossi explained Roberts Rules.

Trustee Baskin continued to express frustration.

Mayor Rossi apologized to Trustee Baskin, stating the motion to table was not intended to offend him.

Trustee Baskin thanked Mayor Rossi and, noting he gets loud, apologized.

Mayor Rossi noted that Trustee Baskin owes Clerk O'Connor an apology most of all.

Trustee Baskin declined.

13) Public Comment on Any Issue (3 Minutes)

Mayor Rossi explained the motion to be added under "Other Business."

Ms. Kormos is disturbed that motion "b" was passed and asked for more information regarding the financing of the John Street Water Tower.

Eve Kenyon of 50 North Street loves Ballston Spa and being part of the Park and Tree Board.

Ms. Stephenson, referring to suggestions on making the Wiswall Park drawing easier for people to understand, stated there's a thing called a ruler and she would be happy to show somebody how to use it.

Bob Bush Jr., 71 Church Avenue asked who will maintain Wiswall Park.

Kris DuBuque of 6 Kaleen Drive stated he is appreciative of all the work that is being done to improve Wiswall Park.

Mr. DuBuque noted he agrees that the drawing measurements should be easier to read.

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

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush to engage LaBerge Engineering to be construction manager for the John Street Water Tower Renovation Project at the rates listed on LaBerge's 2024 rate sheet and allowing the Mayor to execute such agreement after review by the Village Attorney.

Ayes All

Trustee Raymond read a statement regarding the John Street Water Tower. (attached)

Trustee Baskin inquired as to when budget workshops will be held.

15) Executive Session (If Needed)-None Needed

16) Adjournment/Voucher Audit:

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond, that the Vouchers be audited, and the meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

General Fund	\$ 21,829.04
Sewer Relevy	74.40
Library Fund	4,457.08
Trust & Agency	<u>1,289.75</u>
Total	\$ 27,650.27

Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri L. O'Connor
Village Clerk