

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, NY, held March 24, 2025**

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 3/10/25 meeting be approved.**

**Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush that minutes be amended to add "and the statements attached."**

**Ayes All**

**4) Presentations (None)**

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

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

**John Cromie, 132 Bath Street, feels the zoning code is problematic.**

**Jared Iacolucci of 24 Chapman Street read a statement. (attached).**

**Mike Iacolucci, 3 Encore Drive asked if this is the first year we are using the housing voucher program.**

**Mayor Rossi noted that there will be 2 motions added to this agenda. 1 for a Committee on the Arts appointment and the other to consider a food truck application.**

**6) Consent Agenda Items for Consideration (No Items)**

**7) Motions/Resolutions for Consideration/Vote**

**a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush that all funds currently with Generations Bank be moved to our NYCLASS accounts.**

**Ayes All**

**b) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond that the DPW be authorized to expend the amount of \$3,299.99 for an air compressor.**

**Ayes All**

**c) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin that the DPW be authorized to expend the amount of \$3,257.36 for a leak detector.**

**Ayes All**

**d) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush that the DPW be authorized to expend the amount of \$2,630.00 for a plate tamper**

**Ayes All**

**e) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond that the DPW be allowed to expend \$1,100.00 on a Jasic Plasma Digital Dual Input 45 Amp Plasma Cutter from J&R Welding.**

**Ayes All**

**f) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush that Cari Scribner be authorized to conduct an anti-drug procession at the intersection of Route 50 and Prospect Street on 4/12 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm.**

**Ayes All**

**g) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin to approve the closure of Grove Street behind Malta Avenue Elementary School’s building from 9:30am. to 11:15am on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, for an EMS presentation.**

**Ayes All**

**h) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin to approve the attached resolution related to the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program PHA Plan for 2025.**

**Ayes All**

**i) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush to approve the estimate provided by JH Property Services for public works services to be performed related to Wiswall Park walkways and pavilion base for a total of \$32,950.00, and authorizing the Mayor to execute any related paperwork.**

**Trustee Raymond thinks we should have put out an RFP and a project manager.**

**Mayor Rossi noted this does not require an RFP and disagreed that a project manager is needed.**

<b>Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes</b>	<b>Trustee Price-Bush-yes</b>	<b>Mayor Rossi-yes</b>
<b>Trustee Raymond-abstain</b>	<b>Trustee Baskin-abstain</b>	

**Motion Passed**

**j) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez to approve the proposal of Van Dusen & Steves Land Surveyors for survey work to be performed in Wiswall Park for an amount not to exceed \$3,800.00, and authorizing the Mayor to execute any related paperwork.**

<b>Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes</b>	<b>Trustee Price-Bush-yes</b>	<b>Mayor Rossi-yes</b>
<b>Trustee Raymond-yes</b>	<b>Trustee Baskin-yes</b>	

**Motion Passed**

**k) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush to schedule a public hearing on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 7:01pm (during the regular Village Board of Trustees meeting) related to Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2025 pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law Section 3-c to permit the Village of Ballston Spa to exceed the property tax cap for the Fiscal Year 2026 beginning on June 1, 2025.**

<b>Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes</b>	<b>Trustee Price-Bush-yes</b>	<b>Mayor Rossi-yes</b>
<b>Trustee Raymond-yes</b>	<b>Trustee Baskin-yes</b>	

**Motion Passed**

**l) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush to schedule a public hearing on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 7:02pm (during the regular Village Board of Trustees meeting) on the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (beginning on June 1, 2025) pursuant to New York State Village Law Section 5-508(1).**

<b>Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes</b>	<b>Trustee Price-Bush-yes</b>	<b>Mayor Rossi-yes</b>
<b>Trustee Raymond-abstain</b>	<b>Trustee Baskin-abstain</b>	

**Motion Passed**

**m) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond to approve the attached agreement between the Ballston Spa High School PTSA and the Village of Ballston Spa related to funding of the After Prom Party to be held in 2025 (\$1,000.00 contribution).**

**Ayes All**

n) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez to approve the 2025 Fire Contract between the Town of Ballston and the Village of Ballston Spa for fire protection services in the Town of Ballston Fire Protection, District No. 1, and authorizing the Mayor to execute such agreement after final review by the Village Attorney should any minor modifications be necessary upon the Town of Ballston's request.

Ayes All

o) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush to approve the agreement between Auctions International, Inc., and the Village of Ballston Spa allowing Auctions International to assist in the sale of surplus DPW equipment already deemed as such, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the attached agreement.

Ayes All

p) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin to approve the attached bid documents prepared by Studio A related to the Wiswall Park Pavillion, and: a) authorizing the Mayor to execute any related paperwork related to beginning said bid process; and b) authorizing the Village Clerk to advertise the bid documents as directed by Studio A.

Trustee Raymond stated he feels the plans are not ready.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes

Trustee Price-Bush-yes

Mayor Rossi-yes

Trustee Raymond-abstain

Trustee Baskin-abstain

Motion Passed

q) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez approving George Long to become a voting member of the Committee on the Arts and fulfilling the remainder of the term of Pat Burnham who resigned but intends to remain part of the committee.

Ayes All

r) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush approving the peddlers permit of Cousins Seafood for their food truck.

Ayes All

#### 8) Mayor's Announcements

a) The tree and sidewalk work on the business section (west side) of Milton Avenue is continuing.

b) Tentative Budget highlights.

c) New BSBPA officers.

#### 9) Treasurer's Report

#### 10) Liaison Reports

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez congratulated the new BSBPA officers and thanked the officers and members that are stepping down.

The BSBPA is extending their scholarship application deadline to 4/9.

Trustee Price-Bush noted anyone thinking of joining is welcome to attend the Ballston Area Seniors meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 6:00pm until 9:00pm and stated that dances are held one Saturday per month, with the exception of June and July of this year.

Trustee Price-Bush noted that the Library is still offering tax help until 4/4 and reported that all the current Library Board members were nominated for their positions, and all will remain for another year.

Trustee Baskin said that the Park and Tree Board is planning an Arbor Day celebration and tree planting on 4/26.

The Committee on the Arts had a great open Mic night at the Real McCoy.

Trustee Baskin noted that April is Poetry month, and all events and dates can be found on the Committee on the Arts Facebook page.

Trustee Raymond shared the DPW is working on cold patching and street sign replacement and replaced a 6 foot section of sewer main on Saratoga Avenue that caved in, replaced a section of pipe that sprung a leak at the Rowland Street pump station.

Mayor Rossi added that we are working on an agreement with CHPE that will most likely have them repave Hyde Blvd. and East High Street where their trucks cause damage.

**11) Old Business (None)**

**12) New Business**

**a) Zoning (Timeline)**

Attorney Buettner reviewed the timeline, noting that most of the dates are statutory. The timeline will be posted on the Village website.

The Board discussed the status of the ZAC.

Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Raymond to use the public comment collection method agreed to by the Zoning Advisory Committee at its January 2025 meeting.

Mayor Rossi called for a roll call vote.

Trustee Baskin interrupted the roll call vote.

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Mayor Rossi to table the motion.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes	Trustee Price-Bush-yes	Mayor Rossi-yes
Trustee Raymond- no	Trustee Baskin-no	
Motion Passed		

**13) Public Comment on Any Issue (3 Minutes)**

Keith Lewis, of 38 East High Street read the attached statement.

Jared Iacolucci feels the ZAC timeline does not seem sufficient.

Liz Kormos, 89 Hyde Blvd. noted she feels Mayor Rossi should have recused himself on motion “j”).

Discussion ensued regarding Antonio Rossi being affiliated with JH Heck.

It was explained that Antonio, Mayor Rossi’s brother, sold Ross Paving to Mr. Heck years ago and works as a laborer.

Gary Stephenson of 45 West High read the attached statement.

Karen Avenarius, 9 Church Avenue thanked the Fire Dept. for their help with an incident at the laundromat.

Mike Iacolucci asked that the order of the 2 scheduled Public Hearing be changed.

Anna Stanko of 32 Kent Street is glad that Kelley Park is in the plan.

Ray Otten, 16 Middlebrook noted that the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled to take place on 4/12, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Hope for Children” will be held in Kelley Park on 5/11.

Christin Iacolucci of 24 Chapman Street questioned why we are using our Attorney to correlate emails rather than the Google forms.

Attorney Williams clarified that she isn’t the repository of anything.

Trustee Baskin suggested that child mental health and child gun safety be addressed at the “Hope for Children” event.

Mr. Otten said child mental health is included.

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

Trustee Raymond encouraged Board Members to find replacements for the ZAC members who are not participating.

Trustee Baskin expressed concern about unused housing vouchers.

Mayor Rossi stated there will be a presentation at the Public Hearing.

15) Executive Session (None)

16) Adjournment/Voucher Audit:

Motion made by Trustee Price-Bush, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, that the Vouchers be audited, and the meeting adjourned at 9:44pm.

General Fund	\$ 165,453.25
Sewer Relevy	185.22
Capital Projects	18,306.87
Library Fund	179.94
Trust & Agency	-----
Total	\$ 184,125.28

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri L. O’Connor  
Village Clerk