

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, NY, held May 27, 2025**

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

Absent: Trustee Raymond; Village Clerk O'Connor

**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 05.12.25 meeting be approved.

Amended Motion:

Trustee Baskin asked for several amendments, stating the minutes are "biased."

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush that the minutes of the 05.12.25 meeting be approved with the following change to Trustee Baskin's response regarding motion "g" - "Trustee Baskin read a statement in opposition to the Mayor's budget."

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes                      Trustee Price-Bush-yes

Trustee Baskin-no    Mayor Rossi-yes

**Motion Passed**

b) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush that the minutes of the 05.15.25 Emergency meeting be approved.

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**Ayes All**

**4) Presentation**

a) CAPTAIN Community Human Services (Fern Hurley – Associate Executive Director)

Ms. Hurley noted that CAPTAIN is a non-profit that has been operating for 48 years. Services provided include transportation for eligible seniors to medical appointments, visiting isolated seniors and helping with things that include light duty housework.

Other services that CAPTAIN provides include a food pantry, summer meal locations for youth, a youth shelter and income tax return help.

Ms. Hurley said that due to increased need, more volunteers are needed. Monetary donations are always welcome.

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

Liz Kormos of 89 Hyde Blvd. questioned why some of the items on the abstract were attributed to a particular fund.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez said there have been errors regarding expenditures being attributed to the wrong fund.

Ms. Kormos noted that the Town of Milton has not increased their contribution to the library or pool in years.

Mayor Rossi stated that they have been asked but have not agreed to an increase since 2018.

**6) Consent Agenda Items for Consideration (None)**

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

**a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush, that the attached Standard Workday Resolution be approved.**

**Ayes All**

**b) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin, that Kim Anderson be granted permission to conduct a "Peaceful Public Assembly" in support of democracy on 6/14 from 10:00am to 12:00pm on the sidewalks at the Milton Avenue/Front Street intersection.**

**Ayes All**

**c) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush, that the DPW be authorized to purchase an HMI Pump control for Lowell Street at a cost of \$12,550.00.**

**Ayes All**

**d) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin, that the DPW be authorized to purchase Tank Telemetry for the John Street Tank at a cost of \$8,800.00.**

**Ayes All**

**e) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush, approving the water hookup request for 109 Wood Road (outside Village), which has been approved by LaBella Associates.**

**Ayes All**

**f) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, approving the water hookup request for 32 Greenfield Avenue (outside Village), which has been approved LaBella Associates.**

**Ayes All**

**g) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush, approving the attached Service Authorization from Butler Rowland Mays Architects, LLP, for work related to a Library Roof Replacement RFP and construction services for a fee of \$5,500.00, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the document.**

**Ayes All**

**h) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush, approving the attached Service Authorization from Butler Rowland Mays Architects, LLP, for work related to Library interior work (Master Plan Update, Phasing Coordination, and Grant Consulting) for a fee not to exceed \$6,000.00 plus reimbursables, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the document.**

**Ayes All**

**i) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush, approving the agreement between the Town of Milton and the Village of Ballston Spa related to the Village Pool, whereby the Town of Milton will provide \$16,000.00 to the Village for Pool operation, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement. (Attachment forthcoming after attorneys' complete review.)**

**Ayes All**

**j) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush, approving the agreement between the Town of Milton and the Village of Ballston Spa related to the Ballston Spa Public Library, whereby the Town of Milton will provide \$41,000.00 to the Village for Library operation, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement. (Attachment forthcoming after attorney's complete review.)**

**Ayes All**

**k) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin, approving the agreement between the Town of Milton and the Village of Ballston Spa related to events held by the Village, whereby the Town of Milton will provide \$4,000.00 to the Village for holding such events and**

providing attribution to the Town as a contributor to same, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement. (Attachment forthcoming after attorneys' complete review.)

Ayes All

l) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Price-Bush, approving the attached agreement between Fun1 Entertainment Services, LLC, and the Village of Ballston Spa for "Family Fun Day 2025" inflatables, games, and related labor for \$7,350.00, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement after Village Attorney review.

Ayes All

m) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin, for immediate payment to Saratoga Sod for the amount of \$17,422.39.

Ayes All

n) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, approving the Committee on the Arts banner designs and authorizing the expenditure of \$1,399.98 for banners for Silly Car and authorizing the Mayor to execute any related paperwork.

Ayes All

#### 8) Mayor's Announcements

a) Wiswall Park looks great. Thank you to Caitlin Parwana and Janelle Coffey for planting flowers.

b) We have received a reprieve on water main breaks, which we believe were caused by testing the vulnerability of the system after switching to the Colonial Hills tower.

#### 9) Treasurer's Report

#### 10) Liaison Reports

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez reported that "Movies in the Park" begin this Friday and noted that the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the Farmers' Market is 6/14!

Regarding the Library, Mayor Rossi said we are aiming to get the library open this summer.

Mayor Rossi said they are working on ways to improve the look of the Ricketts property.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez shared that the BSBPA is working with the Farmers' Market to get some of the library services made available, such as the kids reading club.

Trustee Price-Bush stated that the Friends of the Library is working on grants, noted that "Hope for Children" will be held at Family Fun Day on 8/17.

Trustee Price-Bush said that the Ballston Area Seniors will have picking sessions for acoustic instruments on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Trustee Baskin reported that the Park and Tree Board is thrilled with Wiswall Park and thanked those involved.

Anyone interested in participating in "BSpa in Bloom" should contact the Park and Tree Board or check their Facebook page.

Trustee Baskin said a series of "Sketch and Print" art classes will start beginning in August.

Mayor Rossi stated that the DPW is busy working on Wiswall Park, water main breaks, patching and paving and replacing the pool filter.

#### 11) Old Business

Speaking about the fire truck financing, Mayor Rossi said there are options for the Board to consider, and the details will be posted online.

**12) New Business**

**a) "Potential Park Rules for Signs"**

Mayor Rossi noted this is still under review.

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

Anna Stanko, 32 Kent Street said she hopes that no loitering will be part of the park rules.

Charlene DuBuque of 6 Kaleen Drive reported that the Brookside Museum will have a fundraiser featuring Millers Backyard BBQ on 5/30.

Ms. Kormos asked if the parking regs are in the books.

Mayor Rossi answered yes, but we are still working on the schedule.

Ray Otten, 16 Middlebrook Avenue said the Rotary Club is having a fundraiser at the Speckled Pig this Thursday night.

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

Trustee Baskin asked if the next version of the zoning draft will still be available on 5/30.

Attorney Buettner answered yes.

Trustee Price-Bush reminded the Board about the OEM draft.

Trustee Baskin asked that notice of emergency meetings be done through text, not just email.

**15) Executive Session (Not needed)**

**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 8:17pm.

General Fund	\$ 156,146.31
Capital Projects	2,988.45
Sewer Relevy	82.78
Library Fund	672.13
Trust & Agency	-----
Total	\$ 159,889.67

**Ayes All**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Teri L. O'Connor  
Village Clerk**