

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, NY held on June 27, 2022.

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

1) Call to Order

2) Pledge to the Flag

3) Approval of Minutes

a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Kormos that the minutes of the 6/13/22 meeting be approved.

Ayes All

b) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee Kormos that the minutes of the 6/17/22 Special Meeting be approved.

Trustee Raymond-yes

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Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes

Mayor Rossi-yes

Trustee Baskin-abstained

Motion Passed

4) Mayor Announcements

a) The Village has received an eligibility notification on the loan from the USDA and a \$136,000.00 no match grant for the DPW equipment.

b) There will be a Saratoga 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Kick-Off on 6/30/22 at 10:30am. All are invited to attend the event at 40 McMaster Street.

c) The Library Master Plan includes a small building expansion, creation of better space utilization, and more.

d) Meter cards are due July 1st

e) Trustee VanDeinse-Perez sat in the Mayor's seat for 2 days last week.

f) Thank you to the Elks and Lions Clubs for their service

g) Congratulations to Kevin and Colby Krogh on receiving the Presidents Award for their service in the Fire Dept.

5) Liaison Reports

Trustee Kormos announced that the Librray has several summer events. The schedule is on the Library website. Bspl.sals.edu

Trustee Baskin noted that Friends of the Wiswall is meeting tomorrow. The group is looking into a tree planting policy in Kelley Park.

The Arts Committee is looking into other possible sites for a mural.

Trustee Raymond said the DPW is working on fixing sink holes and replacing hydrants.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez noted that the Farmers Market has started.

6) Presentation

Nate Pannucci and Vince Commisso of Teal Becker gave a report on the audit they performed.

7) Treasurer's Report (attached)

8) Old Business

a) Outdoor/On-Location Meetings (Trustee VanDeinse-Perez)

It is possible we will have an outdoor meeting in August, depending on the feasibility.

b) Ethics Code Amendments (Mayor Rossi)

The Ethics Board met and is working on the code revisions.

c) Woods Hollow/Town of Milton (Mayor Rossi)

The Town of Milton is interested in taking the park over, as they are the ones who maintain it.

d) DPW/Facilities (Mayor Rossi)

The Saratoga County Agricultural Society has declined selling their auxiliary parking lot.

e) Hyde Blvd./Malta Avenue School Road Safety (Mayor Rossi)

The school district and the community will be asked to provide ideas on how to help with road safety issues.

Mayor Rossi spoke about the concerns Village businesses have regarding the County possibly leaving the Village.

Special meetings will be scheduled to discuss the issues with the businesses and the school.

9) New Business

a) Smoking Law (Trustee Baskin)

Trustee Baskin noted that the State is addressing smoking laws regarding smoking in public.

b) Sidewalk Law (Trustee Baskin)

Trustee Baskin said the proposal is to double the reimbursement amount.

Mayor Rossi suggested setting a fee schedule.

10) Public Comment Related Only to Agenda Items (4-Minute Limit per Speaker)

Lisa Speidel of 106 Prospect Street commented about all of the proposed changes to the code and wants the rules and laws enforced.

Paul Farnan, 27 McLean Street suggested we keep Woods Hollow, stating it could be logged for profit.

Mr. Farnan noted that Hyde Blvd. is not the only street that has a speeding problem.

Pete Martin of 20 Chesterwood Court stated that it seems like Trustee Baskin is angry regarding the Ethics Committee and asked him to give the committee a chance.

Bob Bush Jr., 71 Church Avenue wants vaping to be included in the smoking law.

Forman Phillips of 101 Hyde Blvd. stated that a year ago he was present when Trustee Kormos announced that the Farmer's Market was moving to Brookside Museum. Mr. Phillips noted that as result of the move, the market almost died.

Mr. Phillips said that market vendors have seen a 400% increase in sales since moving back to Wiswall Park.

Trustee Kormos said that moving the Farmers Market has been discussed for years by the BSBPA and that she was just the messenger.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez disputed Trustee Kormos' s statement.

11) Agenda Items for Consideration

a) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Raymond that the attached budget transfers be approved. (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

b) Motion made by Trustee Raymond , seconded by Trustee Kormos that Union Fire Co. #2 be authorized to expend the amount of \$2,175.00 for sealcoating. (A3412.2) (Requested by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez)

Ayes All

c) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin that Scot Straight be appointed as a part-time police officer. (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

d) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez that Charles Burmaster and Justin Layer be appointed as lifeguards. (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

e) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Fun1 Entertainment Services, LLC for the purpose of renting 10 inflatables for Family Fun Day, and the expense of \$4,200 be approved. (A.7550.4) (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

f) Motion made by Trustee Kormos, seconded by Trustee Raymond that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Stone Industries, LLC for the purpose of renting 10 portable toilets (including two for special-needs patrons) for Family Fun Day, and the expense of \$1,617.00 be approved. (A.7550.4) (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

g) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Kormos that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Vander Molen Fire Apparatus Sales & Service for the purpose of providing preventable maintenance for the Fire Trucks, and the expense of \$18,700.00 be approved. (A.3411.4 & A.3412.4) (Requested by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez)

Ayes All

h) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez that Joe Johnson Equipment is awarded the contract/purchase for the Village's purchase of a new Vactor 2100i vac truck, with such purchase contingent on obtaining the USDA grant financing as detailed in the Letter of Intent. (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez that the Ballston Spa Police Dept. to close the intersection of McMaster Street and Remsen Street for about 5 minutes during the cannon firing between 10:30 and 11:00am on Thursday 6/30/22.

Ayes All

i) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee Kormos authorizing the Mayor and Treasurer to sign the documents for a 10 day interest rate lock not more than 4% for a principal amount of not more than \$1,236,000. For the purposes of providing the Treasurer time to research and analyze the propriety of obtaining a bond anticipation note for the immediate purchase of DPW equipment.

Ayes All

j) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez to amend the rules of procedure consistent with the motion approved at the 6/13/22 Board of Trustees meeting related to public comment sessions for the Board of Trustees meeting.

Ayes All

Mayor Rossi said out of respect we will keep it 4 minutes tonight.

12) Other business

None

13) Public Comment on All Village Business (4-Minute Limit per Speaker)*

Pete Martin asked Trustee Kormos if she said that it was Pete Champagne and Ray Otten idea for the Farmer’s Market to be moved out of Wiswall Park.

Trustee Kormos answered yes.

Donna Martin of 20 Chesterwood Court commended the Board for the tone of tonight’s meeting.

14) Board Comments, Questions, and Concerns

15) Adjournment/Voucher Audit:

Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee Baskin, that the Vouchers No. 21-01728 and 22-01688 to 22-02247 and 23-00011 to 23-00138 be audited and the meeting adjourned at 9:29pm.

FY2022

General Fund	\$ 34,800.77
Total	\$ 34,800.77

FY2023

General Fund	\$ 24,436.21
Sewer Fund	455.69
Library Fund	2,049.28
Total	\$ 26,941.18

Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri L. O’Connor
Village Clerk