

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, NY** held on July 11, 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) Minutes- deferred until 7/25/22

4) Mayor Announcements

a) 91 street signs have been identified as needing repair or replacement. The County is working to get us the entire amount of \$14,000.00 for the repairs/replacement.

b) Tourism and sales tax in the County have rebounded and unemployment has decreased.

c) The contract submission for the Brownfield Opportunity Act appears to be complete.

d) The Village was rejected for the TAP-CMAQ grant.

e) We are in discussions with the Town of Milton regarding providing water to more Town residents.

f) Talks continue regarding the possibility of turning Woods Hollow over to the Town of Milton.

g) There will be a meeting this Wednesday with Ed Martin from the BSCSD about sidewalk and traffic safety issues around the Malta Avenue school.

h) This Saturday, service organizations will be at Kelley Park to work on the new playground. All volunteers are welcome.

i) Road issues on Saratoga Avenue are being addressed.

j) The Library is doing activities in Kelley Park on Thursdays at 10:00am.

5) Liaison Reports

Trustee Raymond reminded everyone that yard debris should be bagged or bundled.

Trustee Baskin noted that Friends of Wiswall will meet tomorrow.

6) Treasurer's Report (attached)

7) Presentations

a) Planning Board's PDD Review – Planning Board Chairman Rory O'Connor

Chairman Rory O'Connor and member Mike McNamara gave a power point presentation. (Attached)

Mayor Rossi expressed his appreciation for all of the time that was put into this.

Trustee Raymond read a statement. (attached)

Trustee Kormos said there's nothing in there that addresses building standards.

Chairman O'Connor answered that is because that is the duty of the Planning Board.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez is concerned about the Trustees micromanaging and compromise more.

Trustee Baskin said this has always been a temporary measure to avoid a moratorium.

Mayor Rossi stated than the properties that would be affected most are not addressed by this PDD.

Mayor Rossi would like to have a workshop on the matter.

8) Old Business

None

9) New Business

a) Wiswall Park Discussion (Mayor Rossi)

Ray Otten of the Rotary Club stated he and Pete Champagne were not responsible for asking the Farmers to leave Wiswall Park as Trustee Kormos had said at the last meeting.

Trustee Kormos read a statement. (attached)

Mayor Rossi noted that it was brought to his attention that another person has told the Farmers Market they may have to move.

Mayor Rossi stressed that committees do not have authority.

Judy Esposito read the mission of the Friends of Wiswall Park and stated that getting rid of the Bishops' Weed is a primary concern.

Attorney Buettner reiterated that it is the Board of Trustees that has authority.

Mayor Rossi stated the process has to be followed.

Mayor Rossi wants the Board to agree to avoid closing the park if possible.

b) Village Events/Permits/Overtime Issues (Mayor Rossi)

Mayor Rossi spoke about what is covered under the sidewalk code and under the events code.

The Mayor stressed that the Board is not looking to stand in the way of individual events, however we need to be able to account for any overtime costs that events might cause.

10) Public Comment #1 Related Only to Any Village Business (3-Minute Limit per Speaker)

Sandy Hassfurter of the BSBPA spoke about the importance of utilizing Wiswall Park.

Judy Esposito of 38 Chapman Street mentioned some other problems in Wiswall Park, including uneven sidewalks and a tree that needs to be removed.

Gina Marozzi, 10 Old Glory Lane noted that no one does anything about the park, they just talk about it.

Bob Cavanaugh of 20 Crestline Drive chastised the Board for not listening to the people.

Several residents stated that Wiswall Park needs to be cleaned up, but not changed.

Mark Blech, 10 Thompson Street noted that the political toxicity in the Village is hurting all of us.

Christine Fitzpatrick, 31 Chapman Street feels there should be a Village representative at the County meetings regarding their possible move.

Lisa Speidel of 106 Prospect Street noted that the County buildings need repairs.

11) Agenda Items for Consideration

a) Motion made by Trustee Raymond seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez that the attached budget transfers be approved. (See attachment) (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

b) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez that Union Fire Co. #2 be authorized to expend the amount of \$3,792.38 for a Mercury LE Monitor and Mid-Range Nozzle. (A3412.2) (See attachment) (Requested by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez)

Ayes All

c) Motion made by Trustee Kormos seconded by Trustee Baskin that Union Fire Co. #2 be authorized to expend the amount of \$3,808.00 for 28 Armatex Attack Hoses. (A3412.2) (See attachment) (Requested by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez)

Ayes All

d) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Kormos that Union Fire Co. #2 be authorized to expend the amount of \$9,621.00 for 9 Scott 4500 PSIG 30-Minute Bottles. (A3412.2) (See attachment) (Requested by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez)

Ayes All

e) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Baskin ratifying the emergency purchase by Union Fire Co. #2 for an air compressor on June 30, 2022, for the price of \$1,099.99, and for subsequent labor for installation totaling \$1,347.60. (A3412.2) (See attachment) (Requested by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez)

Ayes All

f) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee Kormos that the Village enter into Site Lease Agreement with a contract with DISH Wireless, LLC, for installation, operation, maintenance, and management of a telecommunications facility on the John Street Water Town and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the contract. (Attachment pending) (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

g) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez that J&J Equipment is awarded the contract/purchase for the Village's purchase of a new 435 Sweeper (with such purchase contingent on obtaining the USDA grant financing as detailed in the attached Letter of Intent). (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

h) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Kormos approving the water and sanitary sewer connection requests for the proposed residence at 147 Lewis Street (inside the Village), with the sanitary sewer connection approval conditioned upon the applicant receiving Saratoga Country Sewer District approval. (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

12) Other Business

The Board disagreed about the format of the street safety discussion with the BSCSD.

Motion made by Trustee Kormos, seconded by Trustee Raymond that the following be added to the Rules of Procedure:

“The following shall apply to all meetings, including special and emergency”

“In the event that the Board holds a virtual meeting, or a member of the Board appears virtually, they shall be on camera at all times with panelist authority”

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-no

Trustee Raymond-yes

Trustee Baskin-yes

Trustee Kormos-yes

Mayor Rossi-yes

Motion Passed

13) Public Comment #2 Related Only to Any Village Business (3-Minute Limit per Speaker)

Carol Johnson of 91 Church Avenue expressed her frustration at some of the Trustees regarding the Mayor/BSCSD discussion.

Ray Otten, 16 Middlebrook Avenue said there will be another donation made towards Family Fun Day.

Trustees Baskin and Kormos will use the current sidewalk reimbursement rate, not the higher rate if the code change is passed.

Gina Marozzi, 10 Old Glory Lane asked Trustees Baskin and Kormos if they would leave the reimbursement funds for less fortunate people to redo their sidewalks.

Ms. Marozzi noted that no reimbursements were sought for sidewalks at Mohican Hill.

Trustee Baskin responded, "you're rich."

Ms. Bechard admonished certain Board members for being embarrassing and making uncomely remarks.

Additionally, Ms. Bechard agreed with other residents that there are too many committees.

Mr. Blech urged support for community programs such as Family Fun Day.

Trustee Baskin feels this Board should be recognized for donating \$8,500.00 for Family Fun Day.

Ms. Bechard stated that the Board didn't give the money, the taxpayers did.

Chris DuBuque, of 6 Kaleen Drive also admonished the Board all of the bickering, policies, rules and unprofessionalism. Nothing is getting done.

Clare Superac, 1 Hyde Blvd. would like to be part of the street safety discussion.

14) Board Comments, Questions, and Concerns

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez thanked all who spoke up and for being involved.

15) Executive Session

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond that the Board enter into executive session to discuss possible litigation with Ballston Two, and contract negotiations at 10:26pm.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes                      Trustee Raymond-yes                      Trustee Baskin-yes

Trustee Kormos-yes                      Mayor Rossi-yes

Motion Passed

The Board returned from executive session at 10:50pm

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond authorizing the spending of up to \$6,000.00 for inspection on the 3 water tanks and authoring the Mayor to execute any contracts.

Ayes All

16) Adjournment/Voucher Audit:

Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee Raymond, that the Vouchers 22-01986 to 22-02182 and 22-02237 to 23-00201 be audited and the meeting adjourned at 10:51pm.

Vouchers - FY2022		General Fund	\$	994.47
Capital Projects Fund	18.23	Total	\$	1,012.70
Vouchers - FY2023				

	General Fund	\$ 137,038.35	Sewer
Fund	27,073.00	Library Fund	1,639.33
Trust & Agency Fund	42,837.53	Total	\$
208,588.21			

Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri L. O'Connor  
Village Clerk