

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA, NY held on August 14, 2023.

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

Absent: Attorney Buettner

1) Call to Order

2) Pledge to the Flag

3) Public Hearing – 2023 Village of Ballston Spa Comprehensive Plan Update (5 Minutes per Speaker)

Mayor Rossi opened the Public Hearing at 7:01pm.

Christine Fitzpatrick, 31 Chapman Street thanked Karen Martell and everyone who worked on the Comp Plan.

Mayor Rossi echoed those thoughts.

John Cromie of 132 Bath Street feels that the storm water system is a priority.

Mat Ercoline, 91 Division Street asked if it is possible to remove a sentence on page 44 of the PDF, the housing section, recommendation number 9.

Trustee Baskin asked if this is a committee or personal request.

Mr. Ercoline noted he asked for it to be removed and isn't sure where the committee landed on it.

Jared Iacolucci of 24 Chapman Street is also unsure where the committee landed on Mr. Ercoline's concern.

Mayor Rossi stated that the public hearing will be left open; comments and concerns can be sent to villageclerk@villageofballstonspa.org.

The public hearing was adjourned at 7:14pm.

4) Minutes

a) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond that -the minutes of the 7/24/23 meeting be approved.

Trustee Baskin-abstain Trustee Raymond-yes Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-yes
Trustee Kormos-yes Mayor Rossi-yes
Motion Passed

b) Motion made by Trustee Kormos , seconded by Trustee Raymond that the minutes of the 7/28/23 Special Meeting be approved.

Trustee Baskin-abstain Trustee Raymond-yes Trustee VanDeinse-Perez-abstain
Trustee Kormos-yes Mayor Rossi-yes
Motion Passed

5) Mayor Announcements

a) Family Fun Day is Sunday

b) Thank you to everyone who participated in "Swimming Under the Stars."

6) Liaison Reports

Trustee Baskin reported that the concert at Brookside was wonderful and noted that there will be another Plein Air painting opportunity on 9/1. Information can be found on the Committee on the Arts Facebook page.

Trustee Raymond said the DPW will focusing on paving Hyde Blvd, Malta Avenue, Grove Street and Pine Street.

The DPW is also working on a storm water drainage problem on Chesterwood Court area.

Mayor Rossi spoke about the planned activity area in Kelley Park, noting that Pompa Bros., Evolution Paving and Saratoga County will all be involved.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez encouraged everyone to visit the Farmer's Market.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez announced that the BSBPA will be accepting nominations for their "Beautification Awards." Go to Ballston.org for information.

Volunteers are needed for the car show on 10/8.

Trustee Kormos reported that the Park and Tree Board is working on a follow on grant to the DEC tree inventory and management plan. The application is for a tree maintenance grant. For a total amount of \$53,860.00 before our contribution of \$12,500.00.

Trustee Kormos noted that the Library has story hours inside on Wednesdays and at Kelley Park on Thursdays at 10:00am.

Mayor Rossi thanked Library Board member Jason Buczek for working to determine the electricity load for the renovations.

7) Treasurer's Report (attached)

8) Presentation

a) Department Report: Treasurer (Melissa McCann)

Treasurer McCann stated that the new Deputy Treasurer, Amanda Auspelmyer- Rivera is doing a great job.

Water and sewer payments are due 9/1 to avoid penalties.

Treasurer McCann noted that she will look into monthly financial reports.

9) Old Business

a) Code Updates (Mayor Rossi)

Code changes including sidewalks, parks, parades, sidewalk , ethics and traffics are being worked on and will be reviewed.

b) CDTA/Bus Shelters (Mayor Rossi)

The parking lot next to Reshop will likely be the location of the relocated Malta Avenue bus stop with a bus shelter.

c) Woods Hollow Update (Mayor Rossi)

We have a draft contract on the proposal, however since we have to get permission from the legislature, the sale will likely not happen until next year.

d) Water Districts (Milton) Update (Mayor Rossi)

The Town of Milton is moving forward with water districting.

e) Rickett's Clean-up Update (Mayor Rossi)

The DEC is contracting with a firm to determine the next steps for remediation.

There is still contamination in the ground and the Dept. of Health is actively monitoring.

Anna Stanko, 32 Kent Street stated this is also on the County's radar and when the moratorium on tax foreclosures is lifted, the County will take the property for back taxes.

10) New Business

a) Resolution on Events of 8/5/2023 in Ballston Spa and Saratoga Springs (Entire Board) (attached)

Mayor Rossi read a letter regarding 8/5. (attached)

11) Public Comment (5-Minute Limit per Speaker)

Ms. Stanko thanked the Board for their statement regarding 8/5 and commended Mayor Rossi for his quick response.

Kamran Parwana, 86 South Street also thanked the Board for speaking together against hate.

Ray Otten of 16 Middlebrook Avenue noted he is also pleased with the Board's statement but is concerned about freedom of speech and equity.

In response to some Trustees' complaints that they were not notified by Mayor Rossi of the 8/5 situation immediately, Mr. Otten explained that in an emergency, you handle the situation as quickly as possible before reaching out to others.

Jes Rich of 77 Ballston Avenue spoke about her interaction with the group during the event on 8/5 and also thanked the Board for their statement.

Christine Fitzpatrick, 31 Chapman Street also thanked the Board for their statement.

Ms. Fitzpatrick thanked the House and Garden Club for the beautiful gardens around the Library.

Speaking about the proposed bus shelter, Ms. Fitzpatrick thinks it should be a 3 seat shelter.

Ms. Fitzpatrick asked about the status of the DPW garage.

Mayor Rossi stated that the building has been evaluated by our engineer and is shored up for winter.

Jeremy Baird of 3 Maple Avenue commended the Board and the audience for the way the resolution was handled.

Mary Price-Bush, 105 McLean Street also expressed her gratitude to the Board for working together, and Mayor Rossi for organizing with other police agencies to keep our Village safe.

Ms. Price-Bush reminded everyone that Family Fun Day is Sunday. The event will have more vendors and crafts this year.

Regarding the event on 8/5, Christin Iacolucci, 24 Chapman Street finds it worrisome the Mayor and Deputy Mayor did not communicate with the other Trustees.

12) Board Response

Trustee Kormos feels the other Trustees should have been notified sooner than they were.

Trustee VanDeinse-Perez thanked Ms. Rich for informing her of the 8/5 situation and explained to Trustee Kormos that the delay in contacting the other Trustees was due to her concern for reaching out to other businesses regarding the situation.

Trustee Raymond noted we need to enhance our local regulations so that we have a permitting process.

13) Agenda Items for Consideration

a) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez that the DPW be authorized to purchase 5 fire hydrants and parts at a cost of \$19,878.00. (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

b) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Kormos that Douglas Fuller be appointed as a part-time Crossing Guard with a pay rate of \$16.50 per hour. (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

c) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond that Terry Scheuer be thanked for his 44 years of service to the Village and that he be removed from the rolls of the Ballston Spa Police Department. (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

d) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez that Joe Meunier be added to the rolls of Union Fire Co. #2 and the Ballston Spa Fire Department. (Requested by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez)

Ayes All

e) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond approving \$4,800.00 to be spent for the Village Police Department's recently established Narcotics Investigation Team to combat the growing number of drug overdose deaths in the Village. Equipment/software is detailed in the attached grant application, with such grant, if awarded, covering the expenditure and other potential expenses as detailed in the application. (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

f) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Kormos that the BSBPA Ice Cream Social and Concert in the Park be approved for a rain date of 8/31 from 6-8pm in Iron Spring Park. Proof of Insurance has been provided. (Requested by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez)

Ayes All

g) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Kormos that the BSBPA be approved to reschedule a Concert in the Park originally scheduled for 8/10/23 to 9/7/23. Updated proof of insurance has been provided. (Requested by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez)

Ayes All

h) Motion made by Trustee Raymond, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez approving the proposal of LaBella Associates for engineering work related to the repairs at the DPW Garage, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement. (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

i) Motion made by Trustee Baskin, seconded by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez approving Townsquare Media Albany's event, the "Taste of Toga," at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds on Saturday, 9/23/2023, from 2pm until 10pm (setup Friday, 9/22/2023 from 8am until 5pm and Saturday, 9/23/2023 from 7:30am until 1pm; breakdown Saturday, 9/23/2023 at 10pm and Monday, 9/25/2023 from 8am until 3pm). Any costs to the Village related to Ballston Spa Police Department hours and/or overtime are to be compensated by Townsquare Media Albany, and an insurance certificate naming the Village of Ballston Spa as an additional insured party is to be provided before the event. (Requested by Mayor Rossi)

Ayes All

j) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez seconded by Trustee Raymond approving the attached Request for Proposal for a Planning Consultant related to the Brownfield Opportunity Area grant and authorizing the Mayor to execute any related documentation to allow the RFP to be issued. (Requested by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez)

k) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond approving the Village to enter into an agreement with Fun1 Entertainment Services, LLC for the purpose of renting 6 carnival

games for the price of \$850.00. The Mayor may execute the agreement after the Village Attorney reviews the contract.

Ayes All

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I) Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez, seconded by Trustee Raymond allowing the Mayor to negotiate a contract for The Refrigerators for Family Fun Day at a price of \$2,800.00 or less. This assignment is from a prior organization that had a contract with The Refrigerators and now would be adopted by the Village. The Mayor may execute the agreement after review by the Village Attorney

Ayes All

14) Other Business

Trustee Kormos stated she is prepared to name her picks for the Rezoning Committee.

15) Executive Session (If Needed)

None

16) Adjournment/Voucher Audit:

Motion made by Trustee VanDeinse-Perez seconded by Trustee Raymond, that the Vouchers be audited, and the meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

General Fund	\$ 187,963.98
Sewer Relevy	2,728.19
Library Fund	4,677.90
Trust & Agency	<u>2,526.54</u>
Total	\$ 197,896.61

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri L. O'Connor
Village Clerk